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RE: *Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) Vacancies  
Candidate Reference for Thomas J. Scargle*

Ms. Brown:

My name is Dean Piacente. I am the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for CSX Transportation, responsible for Chemicals, Petroleum, and Fertilizer shipments and I am writing to offer my recommendation for your RETAC vacancy. Thomas (Tom) J. Scargle, Senior Vice President- Commercial, Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) has been nominated to fill the RETAC vacancy notification issued November 14, 2014, Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2). I would support Mr. Scargle's candidacy for the subject position. I have known and interacted with Tom professionally for several years.

Tom is senior executive in the oil and gas industry with more than 30 years of experience in SUNOCO and PES. He also possesses a deep and broad understanding of the operational and commercial aspects of the refining and chemical sectors. In particular, Tom has a great deal of experience in Oil and Gas Trading, North American Crude and Product Supply and Rail Operations.

Tom is well recognized in the industry and by his colleagues as a seasoned veteran with a keen understanding of the regulatory environment as it applies to the oil and gas industry in the US. This is especially applicable in dealing with the opportunities and challenges associated with moving crude oil by rail in the United States. Tom readily appreciates the impact that rail performance, constraints and infrastructure development has on the users of energy and the oil and industry in general. He is an effective communicator and a collaborative executive who would be in a position to provide a balanced and pragmatic view on policy advice.

In closing, I strongly support the candidacy of Thomas J. Scargle for the subject RETAC vacancy.

Sincerely,

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