



Port of
LONG BEACH

The Green Port

November 11, 2015

Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman
Commissioner Debra L. Miller
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman and Commission Miller:

The Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest seaport in the United States with more than \$180 billion worth of cargo moving through the Port's 22 shipping terminals every year. The Port handles calls from over 2,000 vessels each year carrying everything from clothing and furniture to machinery, petroleum, and agricultural products. The Port's six container terminals also transfer over 7 million 20-foot container units between vessels, trucks and trains annually.

Long Beach has been a pioneer in the use of waterfront rail yards. Roughly 30 percent of all Port cargo moves to and from the waterfront via rail on the Alameda Corridor freight rail expressway. Further, the Port expects substantial additional cargo to move via rail in the future due to investments it is making to expand its marine terminal and rail yard capacities.

Rail is a major priority of the Port as evidenced by the San Pedro Bay Rail Plan. This coordinated effort with the Port of Los Angeles and Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority focuses on improving rail infrastructure in and around the two ports through the year 2020. The rail infrastructure improvement projects associated with the San Pedro Bay rail plan, valued at over \$1 Billion in the Port of Long Beach alone, will greatly enhance our ability to move trains efficiently, reduce air emissions, improve traffic flow, and increase safety.

The issues raised in the Petition for Declaratory Order filed by the Union Pacific directly affect the Port. The Port may not be able to fully realize the value of the rail and port investments it is making if railroads are not able to invest in their infrastructure to support our growth. For these reasons, the Port of Long Beach asks that you take Union Pacific's Petition under advisement and issue a decision protecting railroad's ability to accommodate the Port's cargo in a safe and efficient manner.

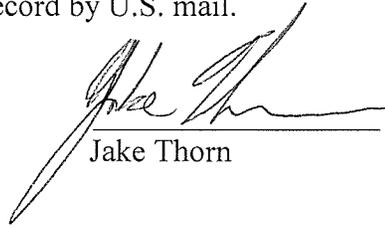
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Slangerup'.

Jon W. Slangerup
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of November 2015, I caused a copy of the foregoing letter to be served to all parties of record by U.S. mail.



Jake Thorn