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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: Docket No. EP 705, Competition in the Rail Industry

Dear Ms. Brown:

By this letter, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) requests time at the Surface Transportation Board's public hearing in the above-referenced proceeding, which is scheduled for June 22, 2011.

The American Chemistry Council represents the leading companies in the business of chemistry. ACC submitted Joint Comments on April 12 of this year as part of the "Interested Parties" group, as well as Joint Reply Comments with that group on May 27. ACC recognizes that the Interested Parties are asking for time to speak at the public hearing. ACC respectfully requests that it be assigned five minutes to provide perspectives for the business of chemistry, which is a major customer of the rail industry.

ACC will address the effects of the Board's current policies – such as terminal area switching and the "bottleneck" rules – on chemical shippers. ACC is currently determining, through a committee process, who the speaker will be and we will, of course, inform the Board of the identity of the speaker as soon as possible.

Please contact me at tom_schick@americanchemistry.com or 202-249-6408 if the Board has any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom E. Schick".

Thomas E. Schick
Senior Director

