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VIA E-FILING

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket EP 711, *Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Revised Competitive Switching Rules*

Dear Ms. Brown:

In response to the Decision served in the captioned proceeding on February 3, 2014 (at footnote 1), please note that the person who will present testimony on behalf of the Interested Agricultural Parties¹ is Ms. Sharon Clark, SVP Transportation and Regulatory Affairs for Perdue Agribusiness, LLC. Ms. Clark will be accompanied by the undersigned counsel for the group. The September 23, 2013 Notice of Intent to Participate filed on behalf of the Interested Agricultural Parties stated it was anticipated at that time that Mr. Randall Gordon, President of the National Grain and Feed Association would represent the group. If possible, the Interested Agricultural Parties would appreciate the Board increasing the time they have been allotted from 10 to 15 minutes. Also, please note that Ms. Clark has pre-existing travel plans on Wednesday, March 26, and so she requests that Panel IV remained scheduled for March 25.

¹ The National Grain and Feed Association, Agricultural Retailers Association, National Barley Growers Association, USA Rice Federation, National Oilseed Processors Association, The National Chicken Council, The National Association of Wheat Growers, The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and The National Corn Growers Association.

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The testimony of the Interested Agricultural Parties will address several issues arising out of the National Industrial Transportation League's competitive switching proposal, including but not necessarily limited to (1) the importance of railroad switching operations to agricultural rail commodity shippers; (2) the data and analysis provided to the Board by the Interested Agricultural Parties in response to the Decision served in this proceeding on July 25, 2012, and (3) how the NITL proposal could be modified to be more beneficial to agricultural commodity rail shippers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas W. Wilcox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas W. Wilcox
Counsel for the Interested Agricultural Parties

cc: Randall Gordon