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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in October 22, 2013, Hearing in Ex Parte
711 – Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Revised Competitive Switching
Rules

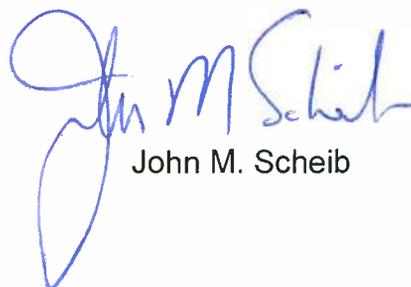
Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served on August 13, 2013, in the above-captioned proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") provides notice of its intent to participate in the hearing on October 22, 2013. NS will be represented at the hearing by Mr. Rush Bailey, Assistant Vice President of Service Management. NS requests that Mr. Bailey be allotted ten (10) minutes to present his testimony.

Mr. Bailey will explain NS's study of the intermediate handling component of the merchandise transit cycle and its effect on shipment velocity, as measured in line haul miles per day (LHMpD). In particular, he will illustrate how minimizing the number of intermediate handlings is critical to optimizing LHMpD, which in turn improves network efficiency and service performance. In contrast, NITL's proposal, like any forced access proposal, would have the opposite, detrimental effect.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



John M. Scheib