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**Re: Docket No. NOR 42148
North Coast Railroad Authority and Northwestern Pacific Railroad
Company v. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of American Canyon and American Canyon Fire Protection District (collectively "American Canyon") hereby give notice of intent to participate in the above-captioned proceeding. American Canyon will be represented by the following individuals:

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American Canyon wishes to be added as a party of record and intends to participate fully in this proceeding through submission of briefs and other formal filings, as necessary. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,

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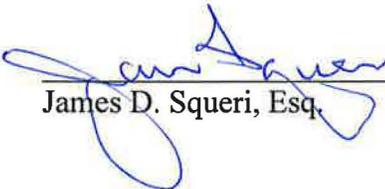
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**BEFORE THE
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The City of American Canyon and the American Canyon Fire Protection District (collectively “American Canyon”) submit this Notice of Intent to Participate in Docket No. NOR 42148. The City of American Canyon is a general law city; the American Canyon Fire Protection District is a subsidiary special district of the City. The subject of this proceeding—Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company’s recent practice transporting tank cars loaded with liquid petroleum gas along a segment of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Line—directly impacts American Canyon. The rail siding on which the 12 cars filled with liquid petroleum gas are currently stranded is located in the City of American Canyon and immediately adjacent to an existing regional employment center that the State has designated as a Priority Development Area. These cars, as well as the numerous other tank cars that Northwestern Pacific Railroad has moved on the Line since July 2016, pose an immediate and untenable threat to the safety of American Canyon residents and the viability of its existing and expanding local economy.

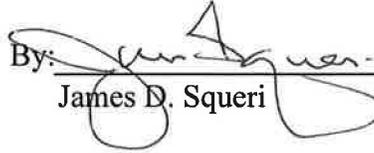
The Board’s October 21 Decision denied the request of North Coast Railroad Authority and Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company for a preliminary injunction against Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District, and indicated further

briefing on the “novel issues related to the common carrier obligation” would be ordered shortly. *See* October 21 Decision at 5. Commissioner Begeman concurred in part, but expressed concern that the Board felt it was acceptable to leave 12 hazmat cars sitting at an active interchange point pending a future decision resolving the larger issues. *Id.* The Commissioner noted that the indefinite pushing 12 cars a mile up and down the track every time other rail traffic needs to pass through seemed like “a recipe for a serious accident.” *Id.* at 6. American Canyon agrees.

American Canyon intends to participate fully and contribute to the Board’s consideration of the unique issues related to common carrier obligations raised in this docket, particularly the safety implications of moving—and stranding—tank cars filled with liquid petroleum gas along a rail line that passes through populated residential and commercial areas, under busy freeway overpasses, and next to categorical wetlands.

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