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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2)
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: *Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) Vacancies, Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2).*

Ms. Brown:

My name is Julio Rios and I am co-founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Bridger LLC, (Bridger), a logistics services company focusing on transportation of crude to its customer's markets. My team has worked together to make Bridger into one of the fastest growing crude oil transportation and logistics businesses in the United States.

I write to submit Mr. Dion Nicely for consideration for the RETAC vacancy as a representative of the downstream segment of the domestic petroleum industry (e.g., refiners, petrochemical producers, natural gas liquids (NGL) producers/distributors, logistics service providers, and other downstream participants) published in the notification issued in Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2).

As the Chief of Staff and Director of East Coast Operations at Bridger, Dion directs the purchase, sale, transportation, storage, and terminalling of crude oil through a nationwide, state-of-the-art asset base of tank trucks, pipeline injection terminals, pipelines, storage tanks, rail loading and unloading terminals, rail cars and Jones Act tonnage that supports customers in all the major domestic crude oil production basins and refining centers. Bridger's customers include oil and gas producers and refiners. Through his tenure at Bridger and as a logistics advisor for domestic and international crude movements, he gained valuable perspective on the transportation needs and concerns for the crude oil industry, including navigating the state and federal regulatory landscape. Further, Dion spent 12 years in the United States Coast Guard in

various logistics and inspection roles directly related to the crude oil industry and has worked closely with various government agencies during his career. Dion attended the most recent RETAC meeting, submitted comments to the agenda, and interacted with members of RETAC and STB regarding crude by rail challenges. It is important that STB and RETAC understand the economics, market, and regulatory landscape of crude-by-rail and the impacts of its actions. I am confident that he has the experience, data, and perspective to provide this valuable insight on behalf of the downstream segment of the crude oil industry.

As required by the notice, I have conferred with Dion and represent that he is willing to serve as a member of RETAC for the three-year term ending September 30, 2017 and he is not a federally registered lobbyist. Please feel free to call me for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julio E. Rios, II". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Julio E. Rios, II

President and Chief Executive Officer