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Re: EP 665 (Sub-No. 1), *Rail Transportation of Grain, Rate Regulation Review*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the notice served in this proceeding on May 8, 2015, the Association of American Railroads ("AAR"), provides this notice of its intent to participate in the hearing scheduled for June 10, 2015. The AAR's speakers will be the undersigned counsel and John T. Gray, Senior Vice President, Policy & Economics at the AAR.

In summary, counsel will provide an overview of the AAR's comments in this proceeding and discuss the legal framework that would govern any proposed changes to the Board's rate reasonableness standards targeted specifically at the transportation of grain products. Mr. Gray will testify to the economic environment in which railroads transport grain products, the economic underpinnings of sound rail rate regulation, and flaws in proposals made by shipper interests in this proceeding.

The AAR asks that it be allotted 25 minutes for its testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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of American Railroads