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RE: Docket No. EP526 (Sub-No. 4)
Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)

Dear Chairman Elliott:

On behalf of Arkema Inc., I am nominating John J. O'Leary for membership on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. Mr. O'Leary is Director, Logistics Services for Arkema Inc., a chemical manufacturing company. He has outstanding experience and knowledge of the freight transportation sector, including extensive background in transportation and logistics involving shipments of chemicals, minerals and other materials that are vital to the manufacturing sector. Arkema and the chemical manufacturing industry rely heavily on rail for the safe shipment of goods into and from manufacturing facilities.

Mr. O'Leary brings over 35 years of freight transportation, supply chain and logistics experience to his current position. Within Arkema, Mr. O'Leary has responsibility for support and governance of all shipping activities across the company. Prior to being named to his current position, Mr. O'Leary held several transportation, logistics and supply chain positions within Arkema and its predecessor companies, including materials management, customer service and purchasing.

In addition, Mr. O'Leary is widely respected in the freight shipper and chemical manufacturing arenas. His service in this area includes a term as President of the National Freight Transportation Association, and he is an active member of the American Chemistry Council's Distribution Committee that is responsible for reviewing and analyzing rail and transportation policy and regulatory issues affecting the chemical manufacturing industry and the shipping community. Mr. O'Leary has also previously testified before the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration on rail-related issues and has been an active voice on freight policy issues within the industry.

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Arkema Inc. greatly appreciates the opportunity to submit Mr. O'Leary as a candidate for the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council – we believe he will be an excellent asset for the Council and will provide important contributions to the group. If appointed, Mr. O'Leary is available to serve for the remaining term until December 31, 2014 beginning immediately upon appointment. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BR', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Bernard Roche
President & CEO
Arkema Inc.