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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

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Re: STB Docket No. EP 699, Assessment of Mediation and Arbitration
Procedures

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") served on March 28, 2012 and the Board's Decision served on June 28, 2012, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the oral hearing scheduled for August 2, 2012 in the above-captioned proceeding.

Louise A. Rinn, Associate General Counsel, will appear on behalf of UP. Her comments will address the qualifications and selection of arbitrators, the scope of arbitration, and review of arbitration decisions. UP requests that the Board allocate seven (7) minutes for its comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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