

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

234866  
ENTERED  
Office of Proceedings  
September 23, 2013  
Part of Public  
Record

---

**STB Docket No. EP 711**

**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ADOPT COMPETITIVE  
SWITCHING RULES**

---

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE  
OF**

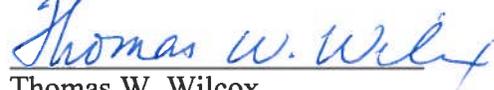
**THE NATIONAL GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION, AGRICULTURAL RETAILERS  
ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL BARLEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION, USA RICE FEDERATION,  
NATIONAL OILSEED PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL,  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT GROWERS, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
FARMER COOPERATIVES, AND THE NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to the Decision served in this proceeding on August 13, 2013, this notice of intent to participate in the October 22, 2013 public hearing to be held in this proceeding is submitted on behalf of the above referenced parties (“Interested Agricultural Parties”). The Interested Agricultural Parties hereby request that the Board allot ten (10) minutes for their testimony. At this time, the testimony is expected to be presented by Mr. Randall Gordon, President of the National Grain and Feed Association, but the Interested Agricultural Parties will promptly inform the Board if this changes.

The testimony of the Interested Agricultural Parties will address several issues arising out of the National Industrial Transportation League’s competitive switching proposal, including but not necessarily limited to (1) the importance of railroad switching operations to agricultural commodity shippers; (2) the data and analysis provided to the

Board by the Interested Agricultural Parties in response to the Board's requests in the Decision served in this proceeding on July 25, 2012, and (3) how the NITL proposal could be modified to be more beneficial to agricultural commodity rail shippers.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas W. Wilcox

GKG Law, P.C.

1054 Thirty-First Street, NW

Suite 200

Washington, DC 20007

(202) 342-5248

*Attorney for the Interested Agricultural Parties*

September 23, 2013