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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 431 (Sub-No. 3)
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intent to participate in the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) proceeding, Ex Parte No. 431 Sub. No. 3: Review of the Surface Transportation Board's General Costing System. With respect to this proceeding USDA intends to file written comments, but not provide oral testimony during the hearing. On behalf of USDA, please add the following name to the service list for this proceeding as a party of record. Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Room 1098-South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-0264

Sincerely,

J. Bruce Blanton
Director
Transportation Services Division