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Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies
STB Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2)

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On July 16, 2009, the Board issued a decision in Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2) requesting suggestions for membership to fill two vacancies on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC"): (1) a representative of a Class II or Class III railroad; and (2) a representative of a biofuel refiner, processor, or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider.

I would like to propose that A.V. ("Tony") Reck, Chairman, President and CEO of Four Rivers Transportation, Inc. ("Four Rivers"), be chosen to fill the current vacancy for a representative of a Class II or Class III railroad. As this agency may recall, Four Rivers is the holding company that owns and controls three railroads: Paducah & Louisville Railway, a Class II rail carrier; Evansville Western Railway, a Class III carrier; and Appalachian and Ohio Railroad, a Class III carrier. Mr. Reck serves as the President and CEO of each of the three railroads owned and controlled by Four Rivers. These three railroads are some of the most successful in the industry.

Mr. Reck is a well established rail industry stakeholder and more than qualified for the position. Prior to forming Four Rivers in 1986, Mr. Reck had over 18 years of experience with the Illinois Central Railroad and its predecessors, where he served in various operating, management, and marketing capacities. As President and CEO of Four Rivers and its subsidiaries, Mr. Reck has been involved with every aspect of the shortline industry and has served in numerous shortline positions totaling over 40 years of railroad experience. He has served as Treasurer of the Railroad Productivity Foundation and was a member of the Executive

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Committee of the Regional Railroads of America and the National Transportation League's Project 2000. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association ("ASLRA"), is a member of the Executive Committee, and is Southern Region Vice President of the ASLRA. He serves on the Board of Directors of the West Kentucky Coal Association and is Chairman and Founding Member of the Kentucky Railroad Association. Mr. Reck is currently on the Board of the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council ("GPEDC") and past Chairman of the GPEDC, Inc. I have attached a full biography for your reference.

His background would allow him to provide meaningful input and a unique perspective. Having served in a marketing capacity, as a community developer and philanthropist, an entrepreneur, a railroad operator, and a railroad President, his experience would advance the goal of RETAC to provide independent and candid advice to the Board so as to foster open and effective communication among the affected stakeholders on all rail related issues.

Mr. Reck understands that the STB will not provide any honoraria, salary, or travel or per diem reimbursement for his services. He has also personally informed me that he is willing to serve a three-year term as a member of RETAC beginning in the fall of 2009.

If there are any questions concerning this request or if the Board desires more information about Mr. Reck's background, please contact me at the address and phone listed above or at wmullins@bakerandmiller.com.

Respectfully submitted,



William A. Mullins

cc: Mr. A.V. ("Tony") Reck
Attachment

Anthony V. Reck

Mr. Reck has served as the Paducah & Louisville Railway's President and Chief Executive Officer since May 1988. He joined the P&L as Vice President - Marketing & Sales in April 1986, before the spin-off from Illinois Central, to help create the P&L organization and develop an enhanced customer base.

Mr. Reck began his career in the railroad industry in 1969 as a switchman /brakeman for the Illinois Central Gulf while he was continuing his education at Southern Illinois University. From 1969 through April of 1986, Mr. Reck held various transportation and marketing positions with the Illinois Central. His last position with them was as Director of International in their Chicago headquarters.

Mr. Reck's over forty year railroad career has been heavily weighted toward the coal industry. From transportation to marketing, including the international market, it has centered primarily on coal production, rail transportation, and coal movement on the U.S. inland waterway system. Due to his extensive background in these areas, he was hired by Jim Smith and David Reed, two local Kentucky businessmen, at the time they were acquiring the Paducah & Louisville Railway from the Illinois Central Railroad. They envisioned the P&L as a coal-hauling railroad. Therefore, they felt they needed Mr. Reck's expertise to further the development of this endeavor.

In the past, he has served as Treasurer of the Railroad Productivity Foundation and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Regional Railroads of America and the National Transportation League's Project 2000. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, is a member of the Executive Committee, and Southern Region Vice President of the ASLRRRA. He is on the Board of Directors of the West Kentucky Coal Association and Chairman and Founding Member of the Kentucky Railroad Association. Mr. Reck is currently on the Board of the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council ("GPEDC") and past Chairman of the GPEDC, Inc.

Mr. Reck is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a B.S. in Business Administration and has a Masters degree from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri, in Business Management.

When time permits, Mr. Reck enjoys playing golf and hunting, water fowl and upland game.

Mr. Reck and his wife, Farideh, reside in Paducah, Kentucky, and together, they have six children.