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Re: Docket No. 42052, Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Petition for Declaratory Order -- Unilaterally Imposed Interchange Charges

Dear Secretary Williams:

North America Freight Car Association ("NAFCA") is an unincorporated association comprised of companies that manufacture, own, or operate private freight cars. NAFCA members currently operate approximately 300,000 such cars.

Practices of railroads involving the interchange of freight cars impact the handling of private cars. NAFCA accordingly intends to participate in this proceeding, although it expects such participation initially to be as an observer. Please add the undersigned to the service list as the representative of NAFCA to receive copies of all filings and notices.

Sincerely,

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cc: Association of American Railroads