

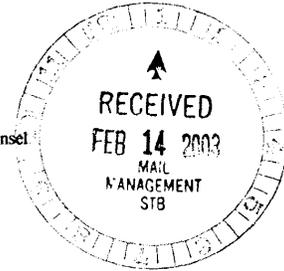


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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 638

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to a notice served February 6, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") informed the public of a hearing on February 27, 2003 in the proceeding captioned STB Ex Parte 638. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views on the subject of expediting resolution of rail rate challenges to be considered under the Board's Stand-Alone Cost methodology. The Board instructed all those wishing to speak at the hearing to file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate.

This will serve as written notice on behalf of Norfolk Southern Corporation of intent to participate in the above hearing through its representative the undersigned. Norfolk Southern requests 10 minutes.

Sincerely,

James A. Squires