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Economic and Management Consultants

March 3, 2005

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Vernon L. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit: STB Ex Parte No. 657  
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 – Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

Dear Secretary Williams:

In accordance with the Surface Transportation Board's February 16, 2005 Notice regarding Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology (Ex Parte No. 657), I would like to request that Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc. (SK) speak at the public hearing.

Representing SK will be its Vice President, Tom O'Connor. SK is requesting a total of 15 minutes to present our thoughts on the Stand-Alone Cost process and possible alternatives and solutions.

SK will also file written testimony on or before March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

SK also supports the Motion for Extension of Public Hearings Schedule filed on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding are an original and 10 copies of this request to participate, along with a cd with an electronic copy in Microsoft Word and PDF.

Please indicate receipt of this filing by time-stamping the extra copy and returning it to the courier of this letter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom O'Connor'.

Tom O'Connor  
Vice President