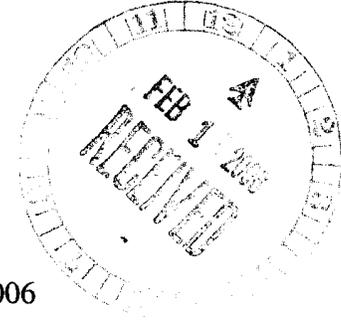


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February 1, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 647 – Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment
Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned proceeding served by the Board on January 19, 2006, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) hereby submits its Notice of Intent to Participate.

Please show the undersigned as counsel of record on behalf of the AAR. Any comments or statements filed by other parties in this proceeding should be served upon the AAR, addressed as follows:

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As required by the Board, ten copies of this AAR Notice of Intent to Participate are included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis P. Warchot