

Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

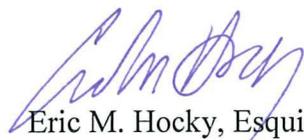
STB Ex Parte No. 575

**REVIEW OF RAIL ACCESS AND COMPETITION
ISSUES – RENEWED PETITION OF THE
WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE**

**COMMENTS OF READING BLUE MOUNTAIN
AND NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY**

Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company (“RBMN”) is a 320-mile Class III railroad operating in eastern Pennsylvania. A portion of its rail lines were acquired in 1996 and are subject to “paper barriers.” RBMN is also a party to the Railroad Industry Agreement (“RIA”). As such, RBMN has a continuing interest in this proceeding, and in actions the Board may take in connection with any rulemaking that would address paper barriers and/or the effectiveness of the RIA. Because of this continuing interest, RBMN wishes to be a party of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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