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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711
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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1), Major Issues In Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced proceeding, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the Notice of Intent to Participate of the American Public Power Association.

Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping the enclosed, extra copy of the Notice and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

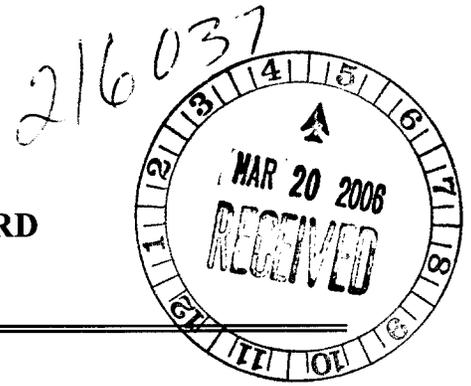
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Jaffe

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



MAJOR ISSUES IN RAIL RATE CASES

Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

American Public Power Association ("APPA"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby serves notice of its intent to participate in the captioned proceeding. APPA is the national service organization representing the interests of the nation's approximately two thousand (2,000) locally owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utilities and entities of government, such as municipalities, counties, public utility districts and an occasional state government, throughout the United States.

APPA's membership includes utilities that receive coal transportation service from market dominant rail carriers. These utilities depend upon the STB to establish and maintain reliable and fair maximum rate standards and procedures. APPA and many of its members, have actively participated in prior STB and Interstate Commerce Commission ("ICC") proceedings involving coal rate, and coal service issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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