

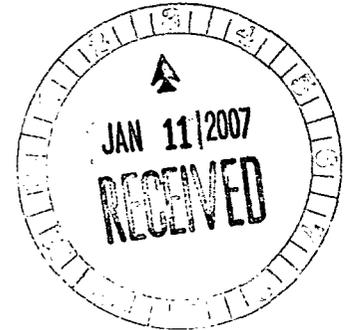
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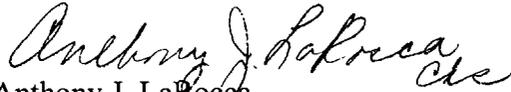
The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases, STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1)
Notice of Intent to Participate**

Dear Secretary Williams:

The BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") hereby notifies the Board that it intends to participate in the January 31, 2007, public hearing in the above-captioned matter. Richard E. Weicher, vice president and General Counsel – Regulatory will appear on behalf of BNSF and requests 10 minutes to present comments.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. LaRocca
Counsel for BNSF Railway Company

cc: Parties of Record

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