

January 11, 2007

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

Re: Ex Parte 646, *Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the decision of the Board served December 19, 2006, The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow") asks to participate in the hearing scheduled by the Board in this case for January 31, 2007. Appearing at the hearing on behalf of Dow will be Jeffrey O. Moreno, Counsel for The Dow Chemical Company.

Dow requests a total of ten (10) minutes.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey O. Moreno
Counsel
The Dow Chemical Company