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Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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**RE: STB Ex Parte No. 671, Rail Capacity and  
Infrastructure Requirements**

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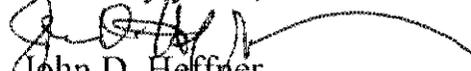
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC and its subsidiary, Permian Basin Railways, Inc., a short line railroad holding company, in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. By decision served March 6, 2007, the Board solicited participation by the public in this proceeding and set March 21 as the deadline for members of the public to request the opportunity to speak at the Board's public hearing.

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By this letter, Iowa Pacific and Permian Basin request the opportunity to submit written comments on April 4 and to appear and speak at the Board's hearing on April 11. I anticipate being the person to speak on behalf of Iowa Pacific and Permian Basin and that my oral comments should not exceed 5 minutes. Further, I anticipate that my comments will address the relationship between the capacity constraints of a class I railroad and the commercial and operating terms under which it interchanges traffic with connecting short line railroads.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
John D. Heffner