



**American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association**

The Voice of America's Independent Railroads

March 21, 2007

Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Room 1149
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 671: RAIL CAPACITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REQUIREMENTS

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have been asked by Richard F. Timmons, President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, to submit his formal notice of intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for April 11, 2007 in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Timmons requests 10 minutes for his testimony, which will address the current state of the nation's small railroad infrastructure and issues affecting the industry's ability to meet increased future demand for rail service.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Borman

Keith T. Borman
Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Richard F. Timmons