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March 21, 2007

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Rail Capacity and Infrastructure Requirements
Ex Parte No. 671

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Notice in the above-referenced docket served March 6, 2007, the United States Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in the public hearing to be held on April 11, 2007. The Under Secretary for Policy, Mr. Jeffrey N. Shane, will appear on behalf of the Department, and requests fifteen minutes to deliver his testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Samuel Smith".

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