

March 21, 2007

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

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

The National Industrial Transportation League ("League") desires to participate in the hearing called by the Board on April 11, 2007 in the above-noted proceeding. The League desires twenty (20) minutes to express its views. The League will be represented in the hearing by Mr. John Ficker, President, and by Mr. Curt Warfel, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The League's testimony will involve the following topics:

- Freight traffic forecasts, and particularly forecasts of rail traffic
- Extent of rail capacity constraints
- Need for infrastructure investment
- Possible strategies for meeting rail traffic demand
- Actions that may be taken by the Board in assisting in rail capacity issues

Sincerely,



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