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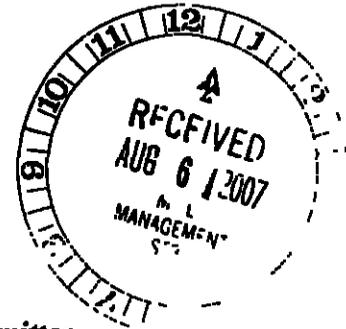
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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**RE: Establishment of A Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee  
STB Ex Parte No. 670**



Dear Secretary Williams

Ameren Corporation ("Ameren") applauds the Surface Transportation Board's ("STB") creation of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC") to provide a forum for the STB for the discussion of emerging issues and concerns regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources. Ameren nominates Robert (Bob) Neff, Vice President, Coal Supply of Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company for one of the positions that has been designated for electric utilities.

Ameren Corporation is a public utility holding company which provides electricity to approximately 2.3 million customers in Missouri and Illinois. Ameren Corporation, through its various operating subsidiaries, has 11 coal-fired plants, 10 of which rely on rail service as the primary mode of transportation for coal. Ameren is the largest shipper in the country of Powder River Basin coal, transporting over 35 million tons annually. Ameren also purchases coal from Illinois and other sources. Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company ("AFS") is the subsidiary of Ameren that purchases coal and fuel-related services for Ameren and its affiliated operating subsidiaries. This includes purchasing, processing and transporting all coal, natural gas and oil for all of Ameren generating capacity and providing ash management and emission services for the generating facilities. AFS is also responsible for the management of Ameren's fleet of approximately 7,500 rail cars used for coal delivery to Ameren.

Bob is extremely well qualified to serve as a member of RETAC. He has served as Vice President of Coal Supply since 2005 and has over 30 years experience in the railroad and railroad-related industries, including 17 years in the fuel transportation area with Ameren. Bob also serves as President of the Missouri Central Railroad and the Coffeen and Western Railroad, Class III railroad subsidiaries of Ameren, which are a part of Ameren's fuel and energy-related transportation services. He has provided testimony to the STB in various proceedings and rulemakings over the last ten years. Prior to joining Ameren, Bob worked at the Missouri Pacific Railroad in various jobs in the mechanical, maintenance of way and operating departments. He

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also worked at American Car and Foundry, a freight car manufacturer, in engineering and marketing positions. Bob's qualifications are rounded out by his educational qualifications, as he possesses both a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration degree, as well as being a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Missouri and a Certified Energy Manager. He is active in many professional organizations, and serves as Vice-President of the National Coal Transportation Association.

Ameren believes that Bob is uniquely qualified to serve on and provide a significant contribution to RETAC. Bob is willing to serve a two-year term and understands that RETAC will meet at least two times per year in Washington, D.C. or other location if deemed necessary. Bob understands that committee members will serve without compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses from RETAC.

If there are any questions concerning this nomination or if the STB desires more information about Robert Neff's background, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Piment". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.