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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Re: Ex Parte No. 670, Establishment of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Large Public Power Council (LPPC) is pleased to nominate and recommend Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to serve as a representative from the electric utility sector on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) to be established by the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

The Large Public Power Council is an organization comprised of 24 of the largest publicly owned and operated electric systems in the nation. Members are located in 11 states and provide power to some of the largest cities in the country including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Memphis, Orlando and Austin. LPPC member utilities own over 68,000 megawatts of generation (nearly 20,000 megawatts is generated by coal fired power plants) and 33,000 circuit miles of transmission lines.

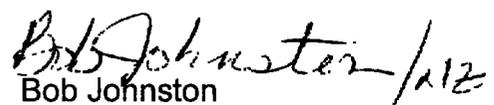
Dan Kuehn will be an excellent representative for public power on RETAC. Dan is well known and regarded in the industry, and he would help foster an open dialogue among energy producers, railroads, and consumers of energy resources. He currently serves as Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for LCRA, one of the largest public power systems in the country. LCRA was created by the State of Texas and, as part of its mission, operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. LCRA provides wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives, providing electricity for more than 1 million people in Central Texas

A significant amount of LCRA's power is generated by coal. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project (FPP) with Austin Energy. FPP burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming which is delivered by rail. Dan has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years and, given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, he is uniquely qualified to serve as a member of RETAC.

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Enclosed with this letter is additional information on the LPPC as well as Dan Kuehn's resume. Please feel free to call me at (770) 563-0075 if you would like any additional information or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

  
Bob Johnston  
LPPC Vice Chair



## **Daniel Kuehn**

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### **Summary**

Dan Kuehn is Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for LCRA, an energy, water and community services provider that generates wholesale electricity for more than 40 electric cooperatives and city-owned utilities in Central Texas. Mr. Kuehn brings more than 25 years of experience in the mineral and energy industries to LCRA and has been instrumental in developing a highly cost-effective approach to procuring fossil fuels and purchased power for LCRA's coal and natural gas power plants.

Mr. Kuehn came to LCRA in 1982 to develop local lignite resources as a fuel source for power generation. He was later selected to lead an economic evaluation of fuel alternatives as a result of the entry of a second rail carrier into the Powder River Basin of Wyoming in 1984. Consequently, LCRA abandoned its lignite prospects in favor of PRB coal. Since that time, Mr. Kuehn has performed and/or managed a variety of fuel and energy-related functions for LCRA. In 1993 under Kuehn's leadership, LCRA developed and implemented a natural gas price risk management program. LCRA has since expanded its energy risk management program to include electricity and coal by integrating certain key functions and centralizing price decision-making.

Mr. Kuehn's management expertise includes senior leadership and executive management, strategic planning, business and financial planning, negotiations, customer and employee relations, problem solving and conflict resolution. His technical expertise includes fuel planning and procurement, fuel energy risk management, power marketing, cost-benefit analysis, generation asset management and portfolio optimization.

### **Executive Management Responsibilities**

Mr. Kuehn reports directly to the Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer. He leads a team of energy professionals who are responsible for LCRA's power plant operations, fuel and energy risk management, pricing and customer relations. Mr. Kuehn also oversees strategic fuel planning, rail transportation, natural gas pipeline and storage operations, power acquisition, power marketing, generation desk operations, generation resource planning, market research and analysis, and financial hedging of energy price risk.

### **Recognitions and Honors**

**Past President and Executive Board Member** – Western Coal Traffic League

**Member** – State of Texas technical review committee for the evaluation and selection of state-sponsored Superconducting Super Collider project sites.

## **Career Track**

### **Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Texas, 1982 – Present**

Executive Manager, Wholesale Power Services

Executive Manager, Fuel and Energy Risk Management

Manager, Wholesale Energy Trading

Manager, Fuel and Energy Risk Management

Manager, Fuels

Manager, Fuel Procurement

Engineering Supervisor, Fuel Planning

Engineering Supervisor, Mine Planning

Senior Engineer

Engineer III

### **Arch Mineral Corporation, Medicine Bow, Wyoming, 1981 – 1982**

Planning Engineer

### **Reynolds Metals Company, Bauxite, Arkansas, 1978 – 1981**

Mining Engineer

## **Education**

**University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering**