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Honorable Chairman Nottingham,

Sir, please accept this request for consideration to the "RETAC." Although I'm employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, I would request my consideration for membership by way of, "*RETAC may also include up to 3 members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors.*" Below, I have included high lights of my rail experience for your review. After reviewing the submissions for nominee consideration, I believe I would be the only *nominee* that is currently employed and actively working in train service. The experience and knowledge I would bring to "RETAC" would be invaluable.

I have recently completed the **Department of Transportation's, Hazardous Material Handlers Emergency Response Trainers Training Course**, which was a 5-day very complete and extensive course. In addition, I have been chosen to attend the Department of Energy's 2-day course regarding the safe **Transportation of Nuclear Fuel and there Materials** in November.

The Railroad training I have received has been with a class 1 railroad, the **Union Pacific**. As a **promoted conductor** I have completed a **brakeman, switchman and conductor training, classroom and extensive on the job training assignments**. The training included Intense **Safety, Rules, Operations, Signals, Switches and Switching classes**. The training course also included an in-depth **Hazardous Materials** and the handling of those loads. In addition, the course included what to do if a toxic spill happens and how we can keep the public and ourselves safe. In addition, my experience includes working and operating over the “road” and in rail yards. I have an excellent knowledge of the **GCOR, Safety, Air Brakes and Train Handling rules** an in depth knowledge of **System Special Instructions and System General Orders including their application**. My knowledge also includes **Train Handling Techniques and proper train makeup for Grade Territories**. Past and present assignments have required being qualified on **BNSF’S grade territory over the Cajon Pass, which I’ am qualified on**. In addition, my qualifications include various types of operating territories which are; **CTC, Yard Limits, Other than Main Track, ABS, Dual Track, Current of Traffic and TWC (dark territory)**.

Sir, after careful review I’m sure it will be obvious that my experience would be an asset to the “RETAC.”

I wait with great anticipation for your decision.

Respectfully,

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