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The Honorable Charles Nottingham
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Nottingham,

Ex Parte 670

On behalf of Arch Coal, I would like to nominate Arch's President and COO, John Eaves, to serve on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) of the Surface Transportation Board. Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and ships approximately 90% of its coal by rail. Arch has significant operations in the Powder River Basin, the Western Bituminous Region and Central Appalachia. The operations in three Western States, three Eastern States and Illinois ship coal on all major carriers as well as on the inland waterways.

As reflected on the attached vitae, John has extensive experience in the marketing and rail transportation of coal having headed up Arch's marketing team for nearly 15 years following marketing responsibility with two other coal producers. John would significantly contribute to the work of the RETAC through his experience and the thoughts of other coal producers who serve on the Transportation Committee of the National Mining Association which is chaired by Arch Coal. John is willing to serve a two year term.

Sincerely,

Thomas Altmeyer
Vice President – Federal Affairs
Arch Coal, Inc.

BIOGRAPHY



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John W. Eaves
President and Chief Operating Officer

JOHN W. EAVES is the president and chief operating officer of Arch Coal, Inc. and a member of the Board of Directors. Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal companies, with revenues of \$2.5 billion. Eaves is responsible for all of the company's operating, marketing and transportation activities.

Eaves joined the corporation in 1987 after serving in various marketing-related positions at Diamond Shamrock Coal Company and Natomas Coal Company. In 1997, he was elected vice president of marketing and president of Arch Coal Sales, the company's marketing subsidiary, and in 2000 he was elected senior vice president of marketing. Eaves most recently served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Arch Coal, Inc. from December 2002 to April 2006.

A native of Greenville, Kentucky, Eaves earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky. He is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at Wharton Business School and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University.

In addition to his responsibilities with Arch Coal, Eaves serves on the board of ADA-ES, Inc., whose mission is to increase the effectiveness and reduce the costs of emission control technology for power generators. He also serves as a board member for Whitfield School and the Greater St. Louis YMCA.

Eaves and his wife Jennifer reside with their children, Van and Laura, in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri.