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

**Re: STB Ex Parte No. 670 – Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation
Advisory Committee**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the notice served by the Board in this proceeding on July 17, 2007, BNSF hereby nominates Stevan B. Bobb, Group Vice President – Coal of BNSF Railway Company, to serve as one of the five Class I railroad representatives on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (“RETAC”)

Mr Bobb’s experience and knowledge make him well-qualified to serve as a member of RETAC. In his current position, Mr. Bobb has overall responsibility for sales and marketing of BNSF’s coal transportation services. Mr. Bobb is knowledgeable about the coal transportation services that BNSF provides, including those out of the Powder River Basin. Mr. Bobb previously served for more than four years as Group Vice President - Agriculture Products, which gives him useful insight into issues that may arise as the demand for ethanol transportation increases. Given the breadth of Mr. Bobb’s experience, he is well-positioned to advise the Board as a member of RETAC on such issues as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination between shippers and carriers of energy resources.

Mr. Bobb has expressed his willingness to serve a two-year term as a member of RETAC.

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Please direct any questions concerning this nomination to the undersigned

Sincerely yours,

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