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RE: Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC)

Dear Secretary Williams

The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) appreciates the opportunity to submit nominations for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. The NGFA is the national trade association representing about 900 companies nationwide operating approximately 6,000 facilities that handle, store, process and export well in excess of two-thirds of U.S. grains and oilseeds every year. The NGFA's members include nearly 40 companies in the biofuels sector. These biofuels companies rely on the NGFA for business services including trade rules, contract arbitration and rail arbitration services for feedstock purchases, biofuel co-product sales, and fuel ethanol movements. The NGFA long has been the lead organization representing the rail transportation policy interests of agricultural shippers and receivers, including biofuels producers.

The NGFA nominates the following individuals as members of the RETAC. Each of them possesses a combination of skills and experience that uniquely qualify them to serve on the RETAC.

Bert Farrish, President and Chief Executive Officer, Everton Energy LLC – As chief executive of Everton Energy LLC, Mr. Farrish has been responsible for financing, hiring of senior management staff, site selection and other start-up activities of Everton, a start-up biofuels company in the business of developing and acquiring biofuels businesses. Prior to joining Everton, Mr. Farrish served as Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he managed an organization of approximately 400 individuals responsible for administration of programs as varied as U.S. grain and cotton warehouse programs, bio-diesel and ethanol bio-energy

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programs, and management of U.S. domestic and export food assistance programs. Mr. Farrish also has served as President of Columbia Grain Inc., a major grain warehousing and export firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon, during which time he was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to the U.S. Federal Grain Inspection Service Advisory Committee. Mr. Farrish is a member of the NGFA Biofuels Committee. Given his professional experience encompassing the grain industry, U.S. government, and the biofuels industry, we believe Mr. Farrish is an outstanding candidate to serve on the RETAC.

Mark Huston, Director of North American Transportation, Louis Dreyfus Commodities – Mr. Huston is responsible for transportation activities that support LDC trading and processing groups, including its biofuels processing units. His responsibilities include rail, barge and certain vessel logistics and management, and he is active on the new project/acquisition team in reviewing transportation objectives for specific projects, including site selection for numerous ethanol and biodiesel projects. Prior to joining LDC, Mr. Huston served as Director, Ag Business Group, for the Southern Pacific/Union Pacific Railroads, where he played a key role in redeveloping the SP's grain network after many years of neglect. Following the SP/UP merger, Mr. Huston was responsible for wheat and all processed grain products including biofuels. Mr. Huston also has served in senior management roles with Arizona Grain Inc., Agri Industries; and Central Soya Inc. He is an active member of the NGFA's Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee. Mr. Huston's depth of experience in the rail transportation industry and grain/processing industry make him an outstanding candidate for the RETAC.

Brad Hildebrand, Assistant Vice President, Cargill Inc. – Mr. Hildebrand's responsibilities include serving as Transportation Leader for Cargill AgHorizons and Grain and Oilseeds. Previously, he served as Merchandising and Logistics Manager for Renessen LLC, a joint venture of Cargill and Monsanto, following an earlier stint with Cargill during which he managed the firm's Specialty Grain business and served as Sales Manager for Cargo Carriers, Cargill's barge transportation division. Mr. Hildebrand is a member of the NGFA's Biotechnology Committee and Rail/Shipper Receiver Committee. His background in the grain industry and his rail and barge transportation expertise also make him an outstanding candidate for the RETAC.

The above summaries are short listings of these nominees' qualifications. The NGFA will be happy to provide more extensive information on their experience and background if needed.

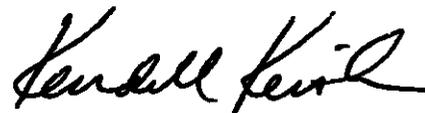
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In addition to these highly qualified nominees, the NGFA would like to voice support for two other outstanding candidates who have been nominated to the RETAC by other organizations. Both Lynn Hiser, Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas, who has been nominated by the North America Freight Car Association, and Darrell Wallace, nominated by Bunge North America Inc., are highly qualified individuals who would be excellent RETAC members. The NGFA strongly endorses their nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendell W. Keith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kendell W Keith
President