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Filed on behalf of Allyn Ford, Roseburg Forest Products
for the Coos/Siskiyou Shippers Coalition by Donna Johnson
c/o Douglas Timber Operators at the address below.

Mr. Charles Nottingham, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW, Suite 1220
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Docket # EP_677_0

Dear Chairman Nottingham:

On April 24, 2008 the STB Board will hold a hearing to examine issues related to the common carrier obligation of railroads. This letter is notification that I am registering to testify at that hearing.

I am President and CEO, of Roseburg Forest Products headquartered in Dillard, Oregon. We employ over 3,500 employees in seven different plants that provide daily shipments tributary to the Coos and Siskiyou Lines controlled by the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad, a subsidiary of RailAmerica. Rail transportation is important to our industry because much of our production is moved long distances across this country to provide construction materials to our nation's homebuilders and commercial industries. In addition I am Chairman of the Coos Siskiyou Shippers Coalition representing 16 shippers whose businesses are directly impacted by railroad service. Also included in the Coalition are local government and business organizations that rely on the forest products industry as the main source of family wage jobs in Southwest Oregon and Northwest California.

The focus of my testimony will be related to: (1) carrier-imposed requirements for infrastructure investments by shippers; (2) the impact of volume requirements when the carrier fails to provide adequate service; (3) the failure to maintain bridges and tunnels and the resulting improper use of rail embargoes to discontinue service; and (4) to whom does the common carrier obligation apply. As I finalize my testimony additional issues may be highlighted.

As you are well aware the service on both the Coos and Siskiyou lines has been seriously curtailed by CORP with devastating impacts on our industry at a time when the housing market is in a serious downturn. We appreciate the opportunity to explain to the Board the consequences of CORP'S curtailments and their apparent lack of interest in restoring service to the shippers.

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Ford
Chairman

cc: Governor Ted Kulongoski
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Gordon Smith
Congressman Peter DeFazio
Congressman Greg Walden
Congressman Wally Herger