

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**STB Ex Parte No. 677**

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**COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION OF RAILROADS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR ON BEHALF OF  
OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION**

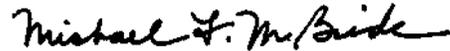
Pursuant to the Notice of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") served February 22, 2008, in this proceeding, Occidental Chemical Corporation ("OxyChem") hereby submits its notice of intent to appear at the April 24, 2008, hearing herein at the STB's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

OxyChem is a leading North American manufacturer of basic chemicals and vinyl resins, including chlorine and caustic soda – the building blocks for a range of products from pharmaceuticals to water purification to detergents to electronics to building materials and more. Literally thousands of customers, who range in size from small privately held companies to municipalities to multinational corporations, purchase these chemicals for use in applications including crop protection, communications, treatment and transportation of drinking water, energy efficient construction, pharmaceuticals and automobile manufacture. OxyChem transports all of its chlorine via pipeline and rail. Accordingly, OxyChem has a great interest in this proceeding.

We hereby respectfully request 10 minutes to provide an overview of OxyChem's need for, and dependence on, the Nation's railroads to safely transport chemicals used to make products essential to the economy, public safety, national security and quality of life of the United States. OxyChem will appear at the hearing through the testimony of

Robin A. Burns, Vice President, Supply Chain. OxyChem requests that service be made on Ms. Burns, at the following address: Ms. Robin A. Burns, Vice President, Supply Chain, Occidental Chemical Corporation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75244. Ms. Burns will be accompanied by the undersigned, who may address legal matters, should they arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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