



**American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association**

The Voice of America's Independent Railroads

March 24, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Room 1149
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 677: COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATIONS OF RAILROADS

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I have been asked by Richard F. Timmons, President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, to submit his formal notice of intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for April 24, 2008 in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Timmons requests 10 minutes for his testimony, which will address the effect of the common carrier obligation on the nation's small railroads with particular reference to the public policy implications of the burdens it imposes on them. I will accompany Mr. Timmons to assist in answering questions which may arise involving legal or regulatory issues.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Borman

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Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Richard F. Timmons