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**Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20423**

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 677, Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Pursuant to the Decision served by the Board on February 22, 2008, in the above proceeding, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) hereby submits its Notice of Intent to Participate and appear at the hearing in the proceeding on April 24, 2008.

The AAR will be represented by Edward R. Hamberger, its President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hamberger will be accompanied by the undersigned, as counsel, to address specific legal questions. Mr. Hamberger's testimony will focus on the current rail transportation environment as the context within which the railroads' common carrier obligation, and the specific topics referenced by the Board in its decision, should be considered. A time of thirty minutes is requested for Mr. Hamberger's presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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American Railroads**