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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 25, 2008, I notified the Board of the intent of my company, Slaughter Company, McCullers Reload, to participate in the captioned proceeding. My filing was made electronically, following conversations with a member of the Board's staff who provided advice to me regarding the use of electronic filings and a telecopier as a supplemental method of filing. I communicated to this person, Ms. Beiter, my desire for 10 minutes of time at the oral hearing, and I believe I added my request for that time to a fax supplement that followed my electronic filing.

Today, I saw that the Board's website contains my March 25 letter indicating my intent to participate in the proceeding, but no request by me for time at the April 24 hearing. I believe that my request for time may well have been misplaced but, in any event, if it was not properly transmitted previously then that was because of an oversight. I therefore respectfully request that I be allotted 10 minutes of time to speak at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Benjamin B. Slaughter

cc: All Parties