



May 23, 2025

Elizabeth McGrath  
Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. McGrath,

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), acting on behalf of its members, would like to provide public comment in response to the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.<sup>1</sup>

NPGA is the national trade association of the propane industry which has a membership of about 2,400 companies, and 36 state and regional associations representing members in all 50 states. Membership in NPGA includes retail marketers of propane gas who deliver the fuel to the end user, propane producers, transporters and wholesalers, and manufacturers and distributors of equipment, containers, and appliances. Propane gas fuels millions of installations nationwide for home and commercial heating and cooking, in agriculture, industrial processing, and as a clean air alternative engine fuel for both over-the-road vehicles and industrial lift trucks. Roughly 75% of NPGA's members have fewer than 100 employees and are considered small businesses.

### **Supply and Logistics**

NPGA members are heavily dependent on rail transportation for the movement and supply of propane across all regions and states. Through that, NPGA's Supply & Logistics Committee regularly reaches out to the rail community to meet, share information, and provide education.

NPGA would like to specifically commend both CSX, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroads for their engagement with NPGA, and our Supply and Logistics Committee since the last RETAC meeting. Both railroads have offered educational materials, sent representatives to our meetings, engaged with our state and regional associations, and fostered a thriving relationship with the propane industry. As a frequent shipper on the railroads, NPGA would like to publicly note its appreciation for their engagement and efforts, and we look forward to continuing our strong relationship with both lines, and with all other railroads who transport propane.

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<sup>1</sup> 90 Fed. Reg. 17683 (Apr. 28, 2025).



NPGA would also like to commend the STB, and its Rail Customer and Public Assistance Program, which has been very helpful, especially in coordinating rail concerns during natural disasters and emergency response.

**Conclusion**

Thank you for your consideration of this letter, and for the work RETAC accomplishes. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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