

NOTTINGHAM TO RESIGN MARCH 18

Surface Transportation Board Vice Chairman Charles D. Nottingham announced today he will resign March 18, or sooner if his replacement is confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Nottingham, the lone Republican on the three-member Board, was appointed Chairman by President George W. Bush and joined the Board in August 2006 following his Senate confirmation. He served as STB Chairman until March 12, 2009.

“I am deeply honored and grateful to have been appointed by President Bush and to have served in his administration,” Nottingham said. “It has also been an honor to serve in President Obama’s administration. I owe a debt of gratitude to my colleagues on the Board, Chairman Dan Elliott and Commissioner Frank Mulvey, as well as to the Board’s exemplary career staff. Working together in a bipartisan manner, I believe that we achieved outstanding results overseeing the freight railroad industry and the other transportation industry sectors under our jurisdiction.”

In October 2010 Nottingham announced that he would not seek a second term on the Board when his current term expired at the end of 2010. In an effort to facilitate an orderly transition and in order to participate in the resolution of several significant pending proceedings, Nottingham has continued his tenure at the Board into 2011 – consistent with the Board’s governing statute which permits a Board member to continue serving for up to one year after the end of his or her term, until a successor is named and confirmed.

“It was a pleasure working with Chip and I appreciate everything he has done for both me and the Board,” said STB Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III. “We all wish him the best.”

STB Commissioner Francis P. Mulvey said: “It has been my great pleasure to work for the past five years with Chip Nottingham. He brought to the Board knowledge of the transportation industries, which he did nothing but expand through his dedicated effort and attention to detail. These characteristics were readily demonstrated at STB hearings and oral arguments where his questioning of witnesses always testified to his thoughtful presentation. I will miss him greatly as a colleague and as a friend. I wish him all the best in his new pursuits.”