

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO HOLD JANUARY 31 PUBLIC HEARING ON  
SIMPLIFIED STANDARDS FOR RAIL RATE CASES**

The Surface Transportation Board announced today that the agency will hold a **January 31, 2007** public hearing regarding proposed changes to its procedures for determining the reasonableness of challenged railroad rates in those cases in which a full stand-alone cost (SAC) presentation is too costly. The hearing will begin at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31**, in **Room 760**, the STB's hearing room, on the **7th Floor** of the agency's headquarters in the **Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.**

The STB scheduled the January 31 hearing in a [Decision in the proceeding entitled Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases, STB Ex Parte No. 646 \(Sub-No. 1\)](#), issued today, Tuesday, December 19, 2006. That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. A printed copy of the STB's decision also is available for a fee by contacting **ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706**, telephone **(202) 306-4004**, or via [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net).

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