# RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Washington DC

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3-4, 2010 MEETING OF THE RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on November 3-4, 2010 in the Hearing Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC.

The following members were present: Reilly McCarren, Arkansas and Missouri Railroad; Peter Weiss, Chrysler LLC; Owen Zidar, Kansas City Southern Railway; J.J. Keever, Virginia Port Authority; Leslie Moll, ArcelorMittal USA; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; Henry Lampe, Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railroad; Michael Ogborn, OmniTRAX, Inc; Doug Kratzberg, Exxon Mobil; Bruce Ridley, Packaging Corporation of America; Terry Voss, Ag Processing Inc; John Levine, Pinsley Railroad Company; Dean Piacente, CSX Transportation; Eric Butler, Union Pacific Railroad.

The following from the Surface Transportation Board were also in attendance; Daniel R. Elliott III; Francis P. Mulvey; Charles D. Nottingham; Brian O'Boyle; Mary Turek; Reamy Ancarrow;

The following members were not present: Gary White, International Resource Partners and Roger Fray, West Central Cooperation.

## I. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks given by Chairman Elliott; Vice Chairman Mulvey and Commissioner Nottingham.
- Main topics were the current workload, that Commissioner Nottingham would be leaving the board and the impact of the election on committee changes.

#### II. Council Business

- RSTAC member Gary White submitted his resignation to the board on October 4, 2010.
- Reviewed and approved posting of minutes of August 24 meeting on the website.

### III. Financial Update

• The financial update was given for the year to date period during 2010.

#### IV. General Discussion

- Each member gave an update of rail issues and performance as it applied to their geographic region and commodity.
- There was also discussion of the Senate Commerce Committee Staff report for Chairman Rockefeller on the Current State of the Class I Freight Industry.
- There was discussion on commodity, boxcar, and TOFC/COFC exemptions (Note: STB Members were not present for substantive discussions regarding this matter).

- There was discussion of the possibility of changes to arbitration/mediation procedures at the STB (Note: STB Members were not present for substantive discussions regarding this matter).
- **V.** There was discussion on white papers.
- VI. There was discussion of goals and what the Council needs to review in 2011.
- **VII.** The meeting dates for 2011 were set as follows:
  - March 1-2
  - May 18-19
  - August 24-25
  - November 2-3