# RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Washington DC

## MINUTES OF MAY 5-6, 2010 MEETING OF THE RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on May 5-6, 2010 in the Hearing Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC. The meeting was called to order at 2pm May 5th, and 8am May 6th.

The following members were present: Roger Fray, West Central Cooperative; J.J. Keever, Virginia Port Authority; Doug Kratzberg, Exxon Mobil; John Levine, Pinsly Railroad Company; Leslie Moll, ArcelorMittal USA; Michael Ogborn, OMNTRAX, Inc; Peter Weiss, Chrysler LLC; Bruce Ridley, Packaging Corporation of America; Terry Voss, Ag. Processing; Daniel R. Elliott III, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; Francis P. Mulvey, Surface Transportation Board and Charles D. Nottingham, Surface Transportation Board.

The following members attended via conference call: Owen Zidar, Kansas City Southern; Eric Butler, Union Pacific Railroad; and Henry Lampe, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railway.

The following members were not present: Gary White, International Resource Partners

### I. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks given by Chairman Elliott; Vice Chairman Mulvey and Commissioner Nottingham.
- Main topics were the current workload, and the STB's desire to initiate a mediation process.

#### II. Council Business

• Reviewed and approved posting of minutes of March 17-18th, 2010 meeting on STB website

#### III. Financial Update

Financial update was given and invoices had been sent out for the 2010 dues.

#### **IV.** White Paper Updates

There were updates on the white papers by:

- The National Rail Plan Committee
- The PTC Mandate Committee
- The Railroad Tax Credit Committee
- The STB Reauthorization Committee

#### V. General Discussion

 There was discussion between RSTAC members and Melissa Porter, Democratic Transportation Counsel of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and Mary Phillips, Senior Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine of the Senate. Most of the discussion revolved around the STB Reauthorization Act of 2009 (S2889).

- RSTAC briefly reviewed the CURE and AAR position points on the STB Reauthorization Act of 2009.
- Plans for the August offsite meeting and Chicago CREATE Project were discussed.
- There were reports from the field by all in attendance
- There were continued discussions on the Goals/Projects for 2010.

## VI. Next meeting

• August 24-26, 2010 in Chicago, IL.