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Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 8), *Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation
Advisory Council Vacancies*

Dear Ms. Brown:

On December 8, 2016, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a notice in the above-captioned proceeding seeking nominations for members of the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council ("RSTAC"). The notice stated that due to the expiration of two RSTAC members' second terms, vacancies exist on RSTAC including a vacancy for a Class I railroad representative. Nominations are due on January 9, 2017.

By this letter, the Association of American Railroads, on behalf of its Class I members, asks that the Board extend the deadline for nominations for two weeks, until January 23, 2017. Identifying Class I candidates able to serve on RSTAC has proven challenging during the intervening holidays. A modest two-week extension will ensure that suitable nominees can be identified.

Sincerely,

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of American Railroads