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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Rm 711
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Re: STB Docket No. 42052, Union Pacific Railroad Company - Petition
For Declaratory Order - Unilaterally Imposed Interchange Charges

Dear Secretary Williams,

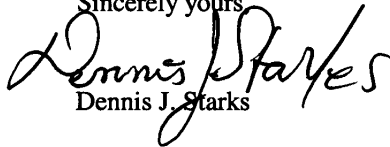
This is intended to provide the Surface Transportation Board (STB/Board) with an update on the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) efforts to convene a series of industry meetings, as prescribed by the Board, to resolve the issues in this proceeding.

Specifically, by Order served December 10, 2001, the Board requested that the AAR, by February 8, 2002, convene a meeting or series of meetings with railroads, shippers, and other involved parties to discuss ways to address issues concerning delays in the interchange of railroad cars between railroads, and to develop proposals for addressing incidences of traffic delays associated with such interchanges. Subsequently, by Notice served January 14, 2002, the Board, in response to a request from the AAR, required the filing of notices of intent to participate by January 28, 2002, and held in abeyance the procedural schedule in these proceedings, pending further order of the Board.

This is to advise the Board that pursuant to its January 14, 2002, Notice, the AAR has, *by the attached letter to all parties who filed a responsive notice of intent to participate in the proceeding*, scheduled a meeting from 9:00am - 5:30pm, Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at the Chicago Hilton O'Hare Airport Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois.

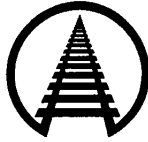
If the Board has any questions concerning the upcoming meeting, or seeks additional information regarding the same, then do not hesitate to contact either the undersigned, on (202) 639-2504, or Mr. John J. Carroll, AAR's Sr. Asst. V.P., for Business Services, on (202) 639-2373.

Sincerely yours


Dennis J. Starks

Enclosure

cc: Craig M. Keats
Melvin F. Clemens



**ASSOCIATION
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April 8, 2002

**Re: STB Docket No. 42052, Union Pacific Railroad Company –
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Unilaterally Imposed Interchange Charges**

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) will hold a meeting in the above cited proceeding on Wednesday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., CDT. The meeting will be held at the Chicago Hilton O'Hare Airport Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. For those parties arriving on Tuesday, April 30, please contact the Hotel (773-686-8000) and request the Association of American Railroads' room rate (\$199).

This meeting is being held in response to a request from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) that the AAR convene this meeting of the railroads, shippers and other involved parties to discuss ways to address issues concerning the interchange of railroad cars between railroads, and the development of proposals for addressing incidences of traffic delays associated with such interchange. STB further requested that AAR file a report describing progress made at the meeting(s) and recommend how best to proceed to resolve these issues.

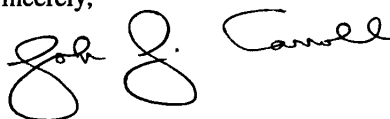
The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome
2. AAR Overview of Present Industry Rules and Processes on Interchange of Equipment.
3. Each interested Party will be provided with up to five minutes to present its Company's position and recommendations on this issue. Five minutes will be reserved for questions following the presentation.
4. Lunch Break
5. General discussion and recommendations.

We expect each company will provide its employee that has expertise in rail operations/interchange issues rather than the party's counsel. Those intending to speak are required to submit to the AAR written versions (not to exceed 5 pages in length) of their oral presentations by no later than C.O.B., April 24, 2002. Speakers are also encouraged to bring to the meeting a sufficient number of copies of their written testimony for distribution to parties of interest. If a participant chooses not to submit in advance a written version of an oral presentation, then the AAR will distribute the participant's letter of "intent to participate" filed earlier in these proceedings. Finally, AAR counsel will be available at the meeting to ensure compliance with antitrust laws.

Attached is the schedule of appearances. Please confirm to me (jcarroll@aar.org) of your attendance at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John J. Carroll.

Schedule of Appearances

RAILROADS

Indiana Harbor Belt
Union Pacific
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Canadian National
Canadian Pacific
CSX Transportation
Iowa Interstate Railroad
Kansas City Southern
Norfolk Southern
Providence & Worcester Railroad
Rail America
Tacoma Municipal Belt Line

Associations

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
Association of Regional Railways of Canada
National Industrial Traffic League
North American Freight Car Association

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