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To the Surface Transportation Board,

Please consider this my self-nomination to fill a position on the forthcoming Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC).

The below should constitute the nomination as described in STB docket EP774.

1. Name, position, business contact information:

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2. The interest that I propose to represent:

Depending on what is most useful to the Board, I believe my knowledge and experience fits into any of the following categories as described by the STB:

A developer of a new intercity passenger rail line other than Amtrak:

This experience is relevant if the development of passenger services in Europe is considered. Since starting as a new entrant 15 years ago, RDC has played an important role in the night train renaissance and has grown to owning Europe's largest privately-owned fleet of sleeper cars, operating in Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland. Further, in Germany, we now operate over 68 passenger trains a day carrying more than 1 million passengers each year via our local railway, the NEG, handling through coaches for national passenger operator DB.

A representative from a class 2 or class 3 freight railroad:

I serve as Chairman of the Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAIS), a Class 2 railroad operating between Chicago and Omaha that interchanges with all six Class I's, and which is designated as the future Amtrak route from Chicago to Moline, IL. Our safety culture is reflected in our service as a reference peer for Delta Airlines and as an operator of trains to benefit local first responder departments along our freight line.

A representative of a rail passenger advocacy organization:

I have been a member of RPA (formerly NARP) since 1969 and believe that my first personal check was written to that organization at age 14.

An at-large representative:

To the extent that my experience in Europe is relevant, in addition to our current operations, we have past experience operating higher-speed 200 KPH (124 MPH) intercity services in Germany between Berlin and Cologne and Hamburg and Cologne.

In the USA, RDC is the owner of Pop-Up Metro, LLC, promoting the development of localized rail-based feeder services on a rapid, low-cost basis and demonstrating proof of markets and concept.

Finally, I serve as an adjunct instructor for undergraduate courses on rail deregulation at Carnegie Mellon University.

3. **A summary of the candidate's experience and qualifications for the position**

In addition to the above experience, I will highlight that:

- My first rail-related job was selling Amtrak tickets on the Princeton campus as an undergraduate, and my second was with the Official Railway Guide on the development of its passenger edition.
- While I have spent my life in the freight rail industry, I also have morphed into the passenger business in Europe in the last 15 years, and in the USA, Pop-Up Metro, LLC represents a new approach to local passenger service.

4. **Willingness to serve**

I hereby attest that I am willing to serve as a member of the PRAC.

5. **Agreement to serve in representative capacity**

I have 4 passions: Railroads, Safety, Culture and Governance.

- In this particular case, I believe Governance is most relevant, and in serving on the committee I would agree to serve in the national interest as opposed to the parochial interests of the Iowa Interstate or even the rail freight sector.
- I am highly sensitive to conflicts of interest and will make sure that I am appropriately flagged and recused as circumstances require.

As the STB is committed to having a committee reflecting diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, I believe that I am uniquely suited for this role and am prepared to clarify or modify this application as appropriate.

In Service,



Henry Posner III
Chairman
Railroad Development Corporation
and

- Chairman, Iowa Interstate Railroad
- Chairman, RDC Deutschland GmbH
- Chairman, Pop-Up Metro, LLC
- Chairman, EBT Foundation
- Member, Transportation Research Board Food and Agriculture Committee
- Board Member, Independent School Chairpersons Association
- Emeritus Trustee and former Board Chair, Winchester Thurston School
- Adjunct faculty member, Carnegie Mellon University (undergrad courses "The American Railroad-Decline and Renaissance in the Era of Deregulation" for the Pittsburgh campus, "The Transoceanic Railway" for the Qatar campus)