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Re: Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2), *Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Freight Rail Customer Alliance (FRCA) expressing support for the nomination of Ms. Emily F. Regis to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) representing the rural electric cooperative sector.

Many of FRCA's members generate electric power from coal in order to meet their power needs. As such, it is vital to FRCA that RETAC include experienced and well-informed representatives from the electric utility industry, such as Ms. Regis with the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPSCO).

Ms. Regis has the ideal qualifications to serve on RETAC. She has over fifteen years of experience working at a senior capacity on fuel and fuel transportation issues at AEPSCO. She understands the challenges that coal faces competing in a centralized power market alongside gas, nuclear, wind, and solar resources. She also has experience with coal rate cases.

She also has substantial experience and expertise working with railroads and managing rail transportation and has been actively involved in national organizations that address these issues. Ms. Regis has served as an officer of the National Coal Transportation Association for the past eleven years and is its current president. In addition, Ms. Regis is currently serving as FRCA's vice president and is an active member of the Western Coal Traffic League. In these trade association leadership roles, Ms. Regis has been actively engaged in service and rate issues common to coal shippers. These experiences give her even broader insight into how coops and railroads interact with each other.

FRCA strongly believes that Ms. Regis will be a strong addition to RETAC and its discussions. FRCA highly recommends that the Board act favorably on her nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelley Sahling-Zart, President
Freight Rail Customer Alliance

About FRCA

An umbrella membership organization, the Freight Rail Customer Alliance (FRCA) includes large trade associations representing more than 3,500 electric utility, agriculture, chemical, and alternative fuel companies and their consumers. Through a growing coalition of industries and associations, the mission of FRCA is to obtain changes in Federal law and policy that will provide all freight shippers with reliable rail service at competitive prices. www.railvoices.org
