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U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in Docket No. EP 761 & EP 722
HEARING ON REVENUE ADEQUACY

The National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA) desires to participate in the public hearing to be held on December 12, 2019, in the above-captioned proceeding.

The NCTA commends the Surface Transportation Board for allowing stakeholders and carriers to provide relevant data and narratives regarding the Rate Reform Task Force's recommendations on revenue adequacy.

NCTA represents a geographically diverse membership of electric utilities, coal producers, consultants, and component and service providers for railcars. Our members have invested many millions of dollars at mines, power plants, and repair facilities to enhance the operating efficiency of rail carriers. There is strong interest in the fairness and reciprocity of the implementation of all matters under STB's jurisdiction.

John Ward, Executive Director of NCTA, requests 5 minutes for direct testimony. If it is desirable that a panel of coal interests be assembled to testify, NCTA respectfully requests that Mr. Ward be on this panel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John N. Ward", written in black ink.

John N. Ward
Executive Director