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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies
EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)

Dear Chairman Begeman:

I would like to nominate Jeff Siebrecht, Senior Rail Distribution Manager of POET Nutrition, LLC, headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to fill one of the large shipper vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council ("RSTAC") in accordance with the October 1, 2019 Notice in Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13) issued by the Surface Transportation Board ("STB"). Jeff would be an excellent member of RSTAC because he is highly experienced in rail matters and is a person who works well with others in an environment like RSTAC.

As background on the large shipper for whom Jeff works, POET has grown from a single, humble refinery in Scotland, South Dakota, to one of the world's largest producers of ethanol and other biorefined products. It is a leader in biorefining through a vertically integrated approach to production. The 32-year-old company has a production capacity in excess of 1.8 billion gallons of ethanol and 9 billion pounds of high-protein animal feed annually from its network of 27 production facilities. POET is now the largest company in South Dakota where it is a significant employer and active member in the community through its philanthropic partners.

I have known Jeff for four years since he came to POET. We have worked together on numerous rail matters during that time. Jeff is incredibly knowledgeable on rail issues, and always willing to work with the POET team to further the company's interests, as well as those of the ethanol industry as a whole. I have no doubt that Jeff would be keenly attuned to the needs of the shipper community as an RSTAC member, and would work to distinctly articulate shipper concerns when advising the STB, while understanding the larger context because of his prior work for the railroad industry.

Jeff has worked in rail-related roles his entire career since graduating from Iowa State University with a degree in Transportation and Logistics, Production and Operations Management. Jeff is presently the Senior Rail Distribution Manager at POET Nutrition, where he manages all aspects of a 2000+ railcar fleet of ddg hoppers and vegetable oil tank cars. He also negotiates rates for rail service with Class I's and short line railroads and handles the rail analysis of any new business opportunities in the US and Mexico.

Prior to his position at POET, Jeff began his career in the rail industry at Union Pacific Railroad as a Manager of Yard Operations having responsibility over 140+ miles of track, 50+ employees, 15+ customers, and various locations on a single-track territory around Sioux City, Iowa. He then became Manager, Rail Fleet, at Terra and CF Industries managing over 3000 rail cars involved in the haulage of UAN, Anhydrous Ammonia, Ammonium Nitrate, and Urea Liquor. After working there, he served as a Logistics Specialist at Cargill coordinating rail shipments of soybean oil, meal, biodiesel, and other products from multiple soybean crush facilities. Jeff's experience on

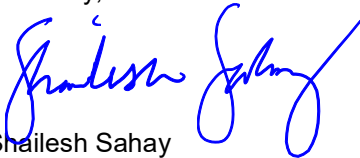
both the rail and rail shipper sides should give him a unique and informed perspective on RSTAC issues.

Moreover, Jeff meets the various other requirements to serve on RSTAC provided in the Notice. He is a citizen of the United States. He also is ready to serve on RSTAC immediately. He represents a broad portion of the rail shipper industry working at POET. POET's twenty-seven biorefineries are directly served by five Class I railroads and two short line railroads. POET works with several additional short line railroads in the form of truck to rail transloading and at our destination markets. POET also is a unit train and manifest shipper to Mexico and has experience with the primary carriers there. Jeff is not a full-time employee of the United States or a federally registered lobbyist.

Congress created RSTAC to advise the STB, the Department of Transportation, and Congress on significant rail transportation policy issues. RSTAC was made to develop private-sector mechanisms to prevent, or identify and address, obstacles to the most effective and efficient transportation system practicable. I believe Jeff would be a perfect fit for this position by helping RSTAC to achieve these goals through his extensive rail knowledge and his proven ability to work with others to solve complex issues.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 740-8554 or shailesh.sahay@poet.com. I appreciate the opportunity to make this nomination.

Sincerely,



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