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STB Ex Parte No. 575

REVIEW OF RAIL ACCESS AND COMPETITION ISSUES -- RENEWED PETITION OF THE
WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE

The American Chemistry Council ("ACC") hereby requests 10 minutes to present its views on "paper barriers" that affect competitive service by short line railroads. The Surface Transportation Board ("Board") has scheduled a public hearing in this docket on Thursday, July 27, 2006.

ACC represents the companies that make the products that make modern life possible, while working to protect the environment, public health, and the security of our nation. The member companies of ACC depend on the U.S. rail industry for the safe, secure and efficient transportation of approximately 170 million tons of products to each year, accounting for more than \$5 billion in annual railroad revenues.

While ACC currently expects that I will speak at the hearing on July 27, we will advise the Board if ACC designates someone else to participate on its behalf at that hearing.

If you have any questions about ACC's request to participate in the hearing, please contact me at 703-741-5172 or tom_schick@americanchemistry.com.

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