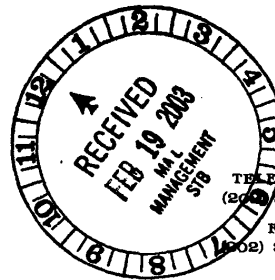


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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 638, Procedures To Expedite Resolution
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced proceeding please find an original and 10 copies of the Notice of Intent of The Western Coal Traffic League. Additionally, please find 3 WordPerfect Diskettes, containing the filing in electronic form.

An extra copy of the Notice of Intent also is enclosed. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this copy and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF INTENT

In accordance with the Board's Notice served February 6, 2003 in this docket, the Western Coal Traffic League ("WCTL") submits this notice of its intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for February 27, 2003. WCTL requests that it be allotted 15 minutes to make its presentation and respond to questions from the Board.

WCTL's oral presentation will be made by its President, Mr. Mark W. Schwartz, who is Chief Operating Officer of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Benson, Arizona. WCTL submitted written Opening Comments and Reply Comments on October 11 and October 31, 2002, respectively.

In addition to his leadership position with WCTL, Mr. Schwartz is active in the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association ("NRECA"), and will be serving as an NRECA representative in a conference on alternative rail dispute resolution methods convened at the request of Senator John Breaux (D-La.). This conference, which also includes as participants the chief executive officers of most of the Class I railroads, is

scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2003. To accommodate Mr. Schwartz's participation in Senator Breaux's program, WCTL requests that Mr. Schwartz's appearance before the Board in this proceeding be scheduled for the morning of February 27.

Respectfully submitted,

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