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GROWTH IN THE FREIGHT RAIL INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS' INTENT
TO PARTICIPATE

Pursuant to the Board's July 15, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing, the Association of American Railroads ("AAR") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for September 16 and 17, 2024. *See Growth in the Freight Rail Industry*, STB Ex Parte 775, at 1 (STB served July 15, 2024). AAR intends to present:

Ian Jefferies, President and Chief Executive Officer of AAR. Mr. Jefferies will discuss the impacts of public policy on the challenges to and opportunities for growth in the railroad industry.

Rand Ghayad, Ph.D., Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Policy and Economics, of AAR. Dr. Ghayad will discuss economic factors that influence freight rail traffic demand.

AAR requests that its two witnesses present their testimony on the same panel, and that they be allotted a total of 30 minutes to testify and respond to questions from the Board. Due

to a conflict with AAR's previously scheduled Board of Directors' meeting, AAR's witnesses are only able to appear on September 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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