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July 8, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 677 (Sub-No.1), *Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads –
Transportation of Hazardous Materials*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Pursuant to the Board's Decisions served on June 4, June 19 and June 23, 2008, The Dow Chemical Company ("DOW") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the above referenced proceeding. DOW will be submitting written comments to the Board and will present oral testimony at the hearing to be held on July 22, 2008. DOW requests 15 minutes at the hearing for Cindy Elliott, DOW's Global Supply Chain Sourcing Director, and Jeffrey Moreno, Thompson Hine LLP.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey O. Moreno
Counsel for
The Dow Chemical Company