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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Notice of Intent to Participate, Docket No. EP_775 Growth in the Freight Rail Industry

The National Mining Association (NMA) appreciates the opportunity to speak at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) hearing on Sept. 16-17, 2024, and hereby submits this notice of intent to participate.

The NMA is the only national trade organization that serves as the voice of the U.S. mining industry and the hundreds of thousands of American workers it employs before Congress, the federal agencies, the judiciary and the media, advocating for public policies that will help America fully and responsibly utilize its vast natural resources. We work to ensure America has secure and reliable supply chains, abundant and affordable energy, and the American-sourced materials necessary for U.S. manufacturing, national security and economic security, all delivered under world-leading environmental, safety and labor standards. The NMA's members conduct mining operations throughout the United States and rely on Class I rail carriers to transport mined materials, including coal.

The NMA's proposed speaker at the hearing is Katie Mills, NMA Associate General Counsel, with a requested speaking time of 7 minutes.

If there are any questions, please reach out to me at kmills@nma.org.

Sincerely,

Katie Mills

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