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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 10)
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. 526 (Sub-No. 10), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council
Vacancies

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to endorse the application of James L. Thompson II, - Senior Manager North American Logistics at Whirlpool Corporation for membership as a large shipper representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

I was able to serve on the RSTAC a number of years ago. I know that the group would benefit by the perspectives that Jim can offer. I have worked with Jim over the past ten years as both President of Intermodal and Chief Commercial Officer at Schneider National, Inc. Through our interactions I have found Jim to demonstrate a strong understanding of supply chain issues from a shipper standpoint as well possess a great aptitude from the rail-intermodal standpoint as well. Through his experience at both Ford and Whirlpool Jim has gained valuable perspective of the different aspects of rail service which I believe would be beneficial to the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. This experience has also provided Jim valuable insights of the impacts of railroad mergers, weather impacts, and operating strategies changes and how they impact the shipper.

I strongly endorse Jim for this role and believe shippers would have strong advocacy from his membership on the RSTAC.

Sincerely,

Bill Matheson
SVP, Chief Commercial Officer
Schneider

