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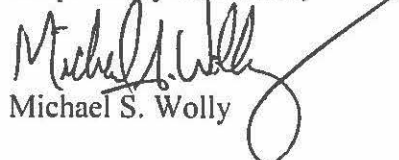
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Re: Ex Parte 745 – Status of Agency Library

Dear Acting Chairman Begeman:

I have been a practitioner before the Surface Transportation Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission representing the interests of labor unions and their members since the 1970s. I write to support the petition for investigation in this proceeding. The agency is the sole source of many records and information relating to the rail industry going back into the 1800s. It should not engage in wholesale destruction of these materials without first proposing a definitive set of standards, providing an opportunity for public comment, reaching a fair and reasoned determination regarding the ramifications of destroying the historical materials in its archives. Haphazardly throwing away the historical record ill serves the public and every individual and organization who deals in matters within the board's jurisdiction. The stay and rulemaking proposed by the petitioners warrants your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


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Cc: all counsel of record