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Honorable Ann D. Begeman – Acting Chairman
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RE: Docket NO. EP 526 (Sub No. 10)

The purpose of my letter is to provide my recommendation for Jim Thompson to join the Railroad-Shippers Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). Jim, representing Whirlpool, has not only been a long-standing customer of BNSF Railway, but has been an active voice in helping our industry advance our service product. BNSF Railway is pleased to put Jim's name forward for this role on the RSTAC.

Jim has a diverse background in transportation and logistics. Furthermore, in his current role at Whirlpool, Jim interacts daily with the rail industry ensuring the overall effectiveness of Whirlpool's supply chain. Jim is a long-standing rail customer that leverages rail's diverse product offerings and has years of experience procuring rail services. Jim is open minded, but brings a strong customer advocacy voice to the table. I can speak from specific experience where Jim has challenged BNSF to think about new intermodal service lanes and to advocate for the greater marketplace. I appreciate Jim's forward thinking and his collaborative approach.

I believe the RSTAC would benefit greatly from Jim's participation. Please receive this letter as my full support and recommendation for Jim Thompson. If additional insight is needed, I would be happy to discuss this endorsement in greater detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Strever", written over a horizontal line.

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