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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this as a written notice of the Transportation, Elevator, and Grain Merchants Association's (TEGMA) intent to testify at the May 11, 2006, Surface Transportation Board hearing on rail fuel surcharges.

TEGMA is a North American trade association that brings together railroads, global grain companies, shippers and receivers, ports, storage houses, inspection agencies and others involved in the shipment of grain from the farm to the customer all over the world. TEGMA's mix of membership provides it with a unique perspective on grain handling and transportation. TEGMA was founded in 1918 and was originally known as the Terminal Elevator Grain Merchants Association.

Proposed speaker Eric Wilkey, senior vice-president flourmill markets division, The Scoular Company.

Time requested: 5-10 minutes

Topics: The use of fuel surcharges by rail carriers to recoup fuel costs

The need for customers to have market-based tools to help hedge the risk associated with fuel price volatility

TEGMA's vision for moving forward in an era of high fuel prices