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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

March 15, 2019

Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman
Member Staff Amanda Gorski, Valerie Quinn, Ellen Erichsen, Lisa Novins
Agency Staff Anika Cooper, Rachel Campbell, Allison Davis, Scott
Zimmerman, Amy Ziehm, Elizabeth McGrath, Kim Hillenbrand, Michael
Higgins, David Kruschwitz, Charles Vance

Topic: Docket No. EP 724 (Sub-No. 5), Petition for Rulemaking to Amend
49 C.F.R. Part 1250

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by Acting General Counsel Anika Cooper:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board Members on a petition filed by the American Chemistry Council (ACC) requesting that the Board amend its current railroad performance data reporting requirements to (1) include chemical and plastics traffic as a separate reporting category for the “cars held” metric at 49 C.F.R. § 1250.2(a)(6); (2) extend the weekly average terminal dwell time reporting requirement at 49 C.F.R. § 1250.2(a)(2) to all Class I, terminal, and switching carriers at Chicago; and (3) apply the amended Chicago-area reporting requirements to the New Orleans, East St. Louis, and Memphis gateways.

Staff and Board Members discussed the following issues:

1. The language, regulatory history, and use of the Board’s current performance data reporting requirements.
2. The request to expand the current reporting metrics.
3. Recent changes in railroad operations.
4. Comments filed by the Association of American Railroads in opposition to ACC’s petition.
5. Procedural options.