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Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman
Staff Katherine Bourdon, William Brennan, Rachel Campbell, Anika Cooper,
Allison Davis, Amanda Gorski, Michael Higgins, Kim Hillenbrand,
Craig Keats, Elizabeth McGrath, Lisa Novins, Valerie Quinn, Coral Torres,
Charles Vance, Amy Ziehm, Scott Zimmerman

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 General Counsel Craig Keats:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board Members on additional information submitted by the parties in connection with a petition filed by the American Chemistry Council (ACC) requesting that the agency amend its current 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) clarify that Chicago terminal yards subject to average daily car volume reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. § 1250.3(a) must report 7-day average yard dwell; 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. Comments filed by the ACC and the Association of American Railroads in response to the Board’s request for additional information.
2. The potential costs and benefits of expanding the current reporting metrics.
3. Options for resolution of ACC’s petition.