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Re: Ex Parte 730 (Sub No. 1) Roster of Arbitrators—Annual Update
VIA E-FILING

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Ms. Allison C. Davis
Director-Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board

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Dear Director Davis:

Please add my name to the list of individuals requesting to be included in the Board's Roster of Arbitrators for the coming year.

I have been included in past years but did not seek to participate for 2020 due to the Pandemic. With the advent and near-universal use of remote video conferencing technology, I welcome the opportunity to be again considered by the Board.

My experience with rail transportation and economic regulation, as well as professional and business experience, is detailed in the attached proposed roster entry, which is based on my prior entry on the Roster.

I thank the Board for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Formerly served as Senior Policy Advisor with Holland & Knight and as General Commerce Counsel, a vice president level position at CSX Transportation, Inc., responsible for matters before the Board, intercarrier arrangements, and all commercial matters involving railroad customers.
- Forty-four years of experience in the freight rail industry. Experience with numerous rate cases, unreasonable practice matters, line rationalization issues, carrier-shipper disputes, intercarrier disputes, and trackage rights agreements and disputes.
- Participated in numerous arbitrations and mediations, including Board-sponsored mediations; taught course in railroad litigation and regulation at Florida Coastal School of Law; participated in the negotiation and writing of the original National Grain and Feed Association Rail Arbitration Rules and participated in several matters resolved under that process. All hearings to be conducted through remote meeting technology.
- Fee: Between \$350-\$525/hour, depending on the matter, or as otherwise agreed with the parties.