

Letter of Application - Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

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Dear Chairman Oberman and members of the Surface Transportation Board:

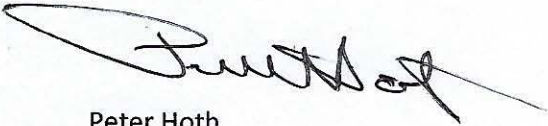
I am Dr. Peter Hoth. I am writing today to submit my application for the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council for the Surface Transportation Board. I saw recently that you are requesting applications to fill two vacancies on the council from small railroads and believe I would serve as an excellent council member and would be able to start immediately upon acceptance. I believe my breadth of professional experience has proved beneficial within the operations and management of our railroad and would also benefit the council.

Burlington Junction Railway currently operates at 8 locations throughout Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. We have operated a safe railroad, receiving multiple safety awards. We also provide excellent, efficient service to a variety of clients with terminal and industrial switching. We provide a variety of transloading services as well as mobile locomotive servicing and repair and logistics support. We have won 4 shortline awards from the BNSF Railway. We have won the Jake Award with Distinction from the ASLRRRA. We are a Patriotic Employer as recognized by the Department of Defense and the ESGR. We have received a Certificate of Appreciation for Training Operations from the Department of the Army and are an outstanding 3PL provider as recognized by Boise Paper.

My family has owned and operated the Burlington Junction Railway in Burlington, IA since its inception in 1985 by my father Steven Hoth. While I grew up around the railroad industry, my own personal path to taking on an active role in management and administration of the family business has not been the most typical. After graduating from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN with a degree in Biology I pursued a medical degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. I subsequently completed a residency in Family Medicine and a Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the University of Massachusetts. After being in private practice in Colorado from 2007 to 2013, I moved back to Iowa where I am currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. I moved to Iowa both for the opportunity within the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics as well as to be closer to family as well, in part due to my late father's declining health. I continue to practice Family Medicine and Sports medicine at the University

of Iowa, however after the loss of my father in 2017 I reduced my time in medicine and became actively involved in our railroad operations. Since that time, I have helped to oversee ongoing growth and diversification of our operations, renewal of operating leases for years to come, expansion of our transloading capabilities, and helped to weather the storm of challenging operations in 2020. I continue to look forward to operating our railroad as a small, but nimble, closely held enterprise for years to come. I am happy to field any questions you may have and look forward to your decision about membership on the council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hoth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Hoth

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