

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Ex Parte No. 768

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ADOPT
RULES GOVERNING PRIVATE RAILCAR USE BY RAILROADS

UNOPPOSED REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

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On July 26, 2021, the North American Freight Car Association ("NAFCA"), The National Grain and Feed Association ("NGFA"), The Chlorine Institute ("CI"), and The National Oilseed Processors Association ("NOPA") (collectively, "Petitioners") filed a petition for rulemaking ("Petition") requesting the Board adopt rules governing the use of privately owned freight railcars by the Class I railroads. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a), replies to the petition for rulemaking are due August 16, 2021.

The petition raises industry-wide issues that involve a novel interpretation of the Board's jurisdiction to authorize charges by entities not regulated by the Board. As such, the Association of American Railroads ("AAR") and its members are carefully reviewing the petition and preparing responses. In the interests of a complete record, AAR requests a 14-day extension of the time to reply, or until August 30, 2021. AAR has contacted counsel for Petitioners and can represent that Petitioners do not object to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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