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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. EP 768, *Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Rules Governing Private Use by Railroads*

Dear Ms. Brown:

The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (“ASLRRA”) submits this letter as its Notice of Intent to Participate in Docket No. EP 768, *Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Rules Governing Private Use by Railroads*. ASLRRA is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of approximately 500 small railroads and 500 railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Small railroads operate 50,000 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately 38% of the national railroad network, originating or terminating one out of every four railcars moving on the national railroad network, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the network.

In this proceeding, 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”) submitted a Petition for Rulemaking requesting that the Surface Transportation Board to exercise its authority in 49

U.S.C. §§ 1321 and 11122(a)(2) to promulgate regulations governing the use by the Nation's Class I rail car owners, shippers, and other non-railroad entities. ASLRRA has a significant interest in the in the proposed rulemaking and intends to actively participate in these proceedings to assure its interests and those of its members are adequately represented and considered.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah Yurasko". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Sarah G. Yurasko

cc: Parties of Record in EP 768