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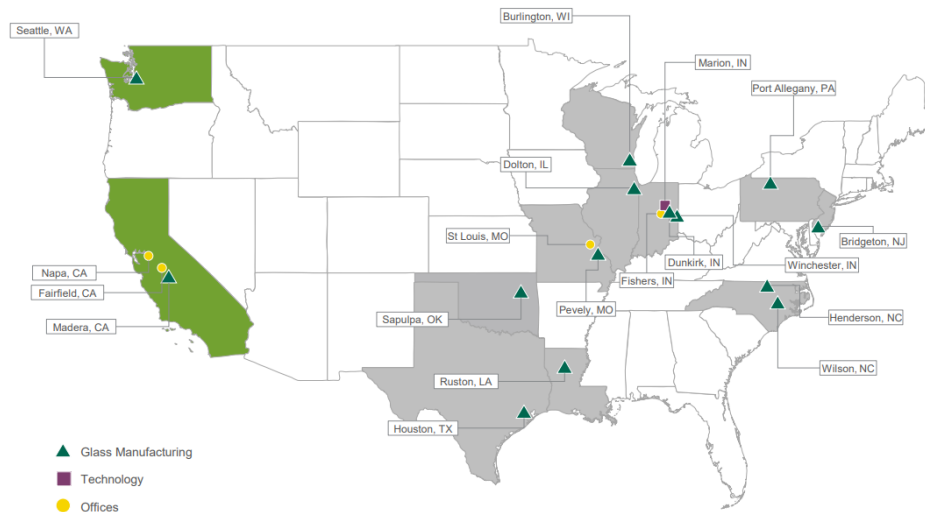
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Re: Public Comments on Docket #EP-711-1: Reciprocal Switching

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I am writing on behalf of Ardagh Glass, Inc. North America ("Ardagh") regarding the new regulations *Reciprocal Switching*, Docket EP-711-1 for the Surface Transportation Board Hearings on March 15-16, 2022. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Ardagh produces glass container packaging at 14 plants across the United States, with over 4,000 employees in good-paying, middle-class jobs. Mostly located in small cities, our plants are important economic drivers in their communities, and have been in operation from several decades up to 125 years. Our essential employees craft infinitely recyclable glass containers for major food, wine, beverage, and spirits markets for companies across America.



A healthy rail system that provides timely service is extremely important for the continuous operation of our business and strengthening America's food and beverage supply chain for consumers. Most notably, rail shipping serves our inbound receiving of the raw materials necessary to produce glass container packaging, notably sand, limestone, soda ash, and recycled glass itself. These materials come from all over the country to each of our 14 facilities on a daily basis. Due to the distances and routes travelled by our raw materials, interconnections between various railroads are those which we face quite often.

Ardagh is a member of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), and we support the GPI comments has made to the Surface Transportation Board, and those of the Rail Customers Coalition (RCC) to which GPI is a signatory. Thank you again for the opportunity to share the importance of rail shipping to our company and rail customers across America.

Sincerely,

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