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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
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Re: EP 770, Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Service

Notice of intent to participate with comment

Dear Ms. Brown:

The SMART Transportation Division (TD), on behalf of its approximate 40,000 active members in railroad service, hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in the upcoming hearing regarding the above docketed proceeding currently scheduled for April 26 and 27, 2022. Presenting evidence and testimony for SMART TD will be its President, Jeremy Ferguson.

SMART TD has members on all Class I railroads and represents employees working in the crafts of conductor, locomotive engineer, yardmaster, yard foreman, switchman, trainman, etc. Our members operate in all kinds of railroad service (i.e., through freight, yard, local, road switcher, and so on) and have been on the frontlines throughout the onslaught of Precision Scheduled Railroad, which is responsible for the ongoing deterioration of freight rail service and workforce levels.

We anticipate no more than 20 minutes will be necessary for the presentation of verbal testimony. However, extra time may be needed for questions and answers, if any. Comments will be submitted for the presentation of evidence, which will further substantiate our testimony and letter submitted to the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) in support of the National Grain and Feed Association's March 24, 2022, letter to the Board.

Please add President Ferguson to the service list as the party of record and have any/all copies of pleadings in the proceedings served on him.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Ferguson
President