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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

Attn: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. EP 770, (Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Service)

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Ms. Brown,

The National Mining Association (NMA) appreciates the opportunity to speak at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) hearing on April 26 and 27, 2022, and hereby submits this notice of intent to participate.

The NMA is a national trade association that includes the producers of most of the nation's coal, metals, industrial, and agricultural minerals; the manufacturers of mining and mineral processing machinery, equipment, and supplies; and the engineering and consulting firms, financial institutions, and other firms serving the mining industry. The NMA's members conduct mining operations throughout the United States and rely on Class I rail carriers to transport mined materials, including coal.

The NMA's proposed speaker at the hearing is Katie Mills, NMA Associate General Counsel, with a requested speaking time of 5 minutes.

If there are any questions, please reach out to me at kmills@nma.org.

Sincerely,

Katie Mills

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