

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Docket No. EP 770

URGENT ISSUES IN FREIGHT RAIL SERVICE

**Notice of Intent to Participate
of Pilot Travel Centers LLC**

Pilot Travel Centers LLC requests an opportunity to speak for 10 minutes at the Surface Transportation Board's hearing scheduled in this proceeding on April 26 and 27, 2022. Pilot anticipates that its speaker will be Shameek Konar, who is its Chief Executive Officer.

Pilot understands that the Board has already set the hearing schedule. However, Pilot only recently was notified of severe rail service reductions that will adversely impact fuel and Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) availability in markets across the nation at precisely the same time that rail service issues are requiring greater reliance upon truck transportation as an alternative.

Pilot's position in the fuel and DEF market make it uniquely suited to provide the Board with perspective on the impact that rail-service issues have on DEF and highway fuel supply as well as railroad efforts to address these issues. Pilot is one of the nation's largest distributors of DEF and suppliers of on-highway diesel to the nation's class 8 truck fleets and independent truck operators. It supplies more than 14 billion gallons of fuel per year to the market and provides

over 70,000 fleet customers with solutions for fuel. Also, its Pilot Flying J Travel Center network includes over 750 locations in 44 states with 6,200 diesel lanes.

For these reasons, Pilot respectfully requests an opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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