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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
The Honorable Michelle Schultz, Vice Chairman
The Honorable Patrick Fuchs, Member
The Honorable Robert Primus, Member
The Honorable Karen Hedlund, Member
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

**RE: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 15), NOTICE OF RAILROAD-SHIPPER
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Dear Chairman Oberman and STB Board Members:

I respectfully would like to recommend Robert (Bob) Zacker to fill the small shipper vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council ("RSTAC"). I served on RSTAC as an *ex officio* member for over seven years and believe Bob would be an ideal member based on my experience. I have worked with Bob over the last several years on rail matters. He clearly has the two most important qualities to serve which are experience in railroad transportation and the right personality.

He is the Director of Supply Chain for Genesis Alkali. This small railroad shipper mines an ore called trona which it refines into sodium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate. It relies heavily on rail to move product to customers and ports in North America. Bob has managed rail

transportation for the company over the last eleven years.

In addition, he has earned the leadership role of Chairman of the Transportation Committee at the Essential Minerals Association ("EMA"), formerly the Industrial Minerals Association-North America. As you know, EMA members are some of the largest rail shippers in the United States and have been heavily involved in Surface Transportation Board matters since its beginning.

Most importantly, I believe Bob has the right personality to serve as a member of RSTAC. Bob is an affable person but is also assertive and astute when a point needs to be made. During my time on RSTAC, I learned how important a diplomatic and pleasant personality can be in this small group in order to make it work effectively. I believe Bob would fit perfectly into this environment.

I consider my time on RSTAC as one of the most important and fun experiences while serving at the STB. I still have friends to this day from all the wonderful people I met in this role. I believe Bob would be a perfect complement to RSTAC and a great resource for solving rail issues that have surfaced during these complicated times. Thank for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Elliott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel R. Elliott