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Surface Transportation Board:

My name is Ben Sweat and I would like to submit my application for one of the openings in the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. With this nomination, I am able to represent Biofuel Refiners, Processors and Distributors as well as Renewable Energy Sources.

My company, POET, is currently the largest producer of renewable biofuel in the form of ethanol. In my current role of Chief Operating Officer of POET Biofuels and POET Pure, I am responsible for all physical shipments of bio-ethanol, liquid carbon dioxide and corn unit trains for the largest ethanol marketing company in the US. POET Biofuels currently markets over 3 billion gallons of bio-ethanol per year from 33 POET production facilities and several bio-ethanol production partners, utilizing over 100 different hazardous material carriers. POET Biofuels is currently one of the largest manifest and unit train shippers of bio-ethanol in the US with rail shipments on all of the class I and several short line railroads.

I have 30 years of experience in energy businesses including my 22+ years at POET. In addition to my responsibilities at POET, I am also serving as the General Chairman of the National Freight Transportation Association as well as a member of their Board of Directors and serve as the President of the North American Freight Car Association and their Operating Committee. I have served as a member of the Fuel Ethanol Technical Advisory Group and also participated with the Federal Railroad Administration in the American Association of Railroads T87.6 Design Task Force, and the National Transportation Safety Board investigation of a significant unit train derailment.

I would be honored to serve in a representative capacity as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,



Ben Sweat