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Surface Transportation Board  
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395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attention: Mr. Martin J. Oberman and Members of the Surface Transportation Board

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I am writing to nominate myself for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to your Notice of Vacancy in the Federal Register dated December 27, 2022. My nomination is to represent one of the vacant coal producer positions on the RETAC.

I have over thirty years of operational, commercial, and financial experience in the mining, utility, and capital markets industries. I currently serve as the President and CEO of Peabody Energy, one of the largest coal mining producers in the country. We recognize and value the important role that rail plays in keeping our economy strong and our business moving.

Throughout my career, I have held executive leadership roles, most recently as Chief Executive Officer of Wolverine Fuels from 2018 to 2021. Other positions held include President of Nexus Gas Transmission, Chief Commercial Officer and Executive Vice President of Consol Energy and Vice President at DTE Energy. I am a board member of the National Mining Association, the World Coal Association, and Blue Danube Incorporated.

I hold a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. I also completed the executive development program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Peabody is the largest coal producer in the United States with operations in six different states producing thermal and metallurgical coal. Peabody strives to be the producer of choice by providing essential products to produce affordable, reliable energy and steel domestically and internationally. Last year Peabody shipped over 100 million tons of coal in the US through our domestic rail shippers.

I am willing to serve as a member of RETAC and agree to serve in a representative capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James (Jim) Grech