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Surface Transportation Board
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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 submit my nomination to serve as a representative of the coal industry on the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC") on which I understand there are current vacancies for members of the coal industry.

I currently serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ramaco Resources, Inc. ("Ramaco"), a company I co-founded in 2011). Prior to forming Ramaco, I was involved in wide ranging energy-related investment and financing activity for over 35 years. I have also served in various governmental roles including having served as Chairman of the Department of Energy's National Coal Council during 2020-2021 and worked cooperatively with a broad spectrum of groups, organizations and stakeholders related to the coal industry to achieve the mission of the Council. I have also testified before both the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resource Committee, the Senate Energy Committee and the International Energy Agency on coal industry related matters.

Ramaco is one of the fastest growing metallurgical coal producers in the United States, beginning production in late 2016 and has grown by nearly 450% since 2017. We have operations in the East in West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania served by CSX Rail and the Norfolk Southern and in the West in Wyoming served by BNSF. In the West we are involved in development of critical minerals as well as technologies to use coal as a carbon feedstock to develop advanced carbon products and materials. Ramaco currently has over 700 employees. Ramaco is also proud to be active in the communities in which it operates, including supporting various schools and local initiatives.

In 2023, Ramaco expects its growth to continue and is anticipated to produce approximately 3.25 million tons of coal in the Central Appalachian region. Ninety five percent of that production will be shipped via rail to eastern United States export ports and various domestic and Canadian customers. Approximately sixty five percent of Ramaco's 2023 production will be exported from those eastern United States ports.

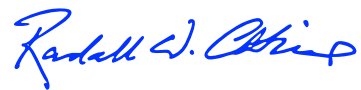
In addition to its eastern operations, Ramaco has assets in Wyoming and is familiar with the railroads that serve that important coal producing region. Ramaco's current success and continued growth are directly tied to the performance of the two eastern Class I railroads. Due to the variety of customers, including those reliant on receiving coal via the Great Lakes and complexities of utilizing

export terminals, Ramaco regularly collaborates with those rail carriers regarding timely and efficient rail service with an emphasis on open dialog and continuous improvement in order to serve our common customers better. As a representative on the RETAC, I would promote that same style of collaborative discussion and problem solving within the committee as well as to all stakeholders.

I have reviewed the requirements of this important position and am willing to serve pursuant to those requirements in such a representative capacity.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to potentially serve on the RETAC. Working collaboratively via open dialogue with all partners, I believe the RETAC can make a meaningful difference to those groups and individuals served by and reliant on the nation's railroads.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall W. Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randall W. Atkins
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer