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Kristen Nunnally
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

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Re: Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Nomination

Dear Ms. Nunnally:

I hereby nominate Torgny Nilsson for the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

Mr. Nilsson has 15 years' experience in the renewable energy industry. He is currently the Vice President and General Counsel of Sierra Energy (www.sierraenergy.com), a renewable energy company that uses gasification to turn trash into energy, including fuels suitable for use in the railroad industry such as hydrogen and biodiesel.

Mr. Nilsson also has extensive experience in the shortline railroad industry having, among other things, worked on green locomotive projects, including a hydrogen locomotive project currently underway by Sierra Northern Railway, and having discussed locomotive emissions regulations with the California Air Resources Board.

Mr. Nilsson is willing to serve as a member of RETAC and agrees to serve in a capacity representative of the renewable energy industry.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Hart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Hart
President

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