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Mai T. Dinh
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies

Dear Ms. Dinh:

On behalf of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), I am pleased to recommend First Vice President Mark Wallace for membership on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council. As detailed below, Mr. Wallace is uniquely qualified to work on issues concerning rail service and the rail transportation network. His inclusion on the advisory committee would be a great asset and provide invaluable perspective representing the employees who move freight and passengers via rail.

Mark L. Wallace is First Vice President and Alternate National President of the 51,500-member Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen as well as President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Rail Conference.

First Vice President Wallace began his career as a carman with the Norfolk Southern Railroad in 1993 and transferred to the craft of conductor in 1996. In 1998, he completed his locomotive engineer training and attained seniority as a locomotive engineer. Prior to beginning his railroad career, Mr. Wallace attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science.

Vice President Wallace is ready and willing to serve as an RETAC member effective immediately upon appointment.

Mr. Wallace can be reached by phone at (216) 241-2630.

Thank you for your consideration,

National President