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Ms. Kristen Nunnally
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub. No. 2)

Dear Ms. Nunnally,

I am writing to nominate myself to be appointed to one of the small railroad representative vacant positions on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

I am Mark Wegner, and I currently serve as the President & CEO of the Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (TC&W), the Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc. (MPL), the Sisseton Milbank Railroad Company (SMRR) and CEO of the Red River Valley & Western Railroad (RRV&W). These Class III railroads serve shippers and communities in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The RRV&W serves two ethanol plants and will be serving a soybean processing plant that will produce soybean oil that could be used as a feed stock for renewable fuels which will open in fall of 2024. The TC&W and MPL each serve an ethanol plant. The RRV&W and TC&W also have propane customers. We are in the midst of a renewable fuel renaissance with soy oil being converted to renewable diesel, and on-going efforts to convert ethanol to sustainable jet fuel, and we are excited to be part of the transportation solution to these developments.

I started at TC&W in 1991 in accounting; in 2007 I was promoted to President and in 2018 assumed the CEO role. In total, I have over 32 years of freight rail transportation and supply chain experience within the short line rail industry. I also have been serving on the STB's Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Council since 2018 (my 2nd term expires on January 29, 2024). I would like to continue to serve the STB on an advisory committee, as our short line railroads are involved in all facets of safely transporting energy products, including Positive Train Control (PTC).

Additionally, I am the President of the Minnesota Regional Railroads Association and a member of the Minnesota Transportation Advisory Committee, which gives me broader industry perspectives including other modes of transportation.

I also served on the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association's (ASLRRRA) Board of Directors for six years, and our railroads are active members of ASLRRRA.

I represent that I am willing to serve as a member of RETAC and will represent short line railroads' perspectives. If nominated, I represent that I would agree serve in a representative capacity effective immediately upon appointment.

Thank you for accepting this letter, and for considering my nomination for one of the small railroad representative vacancies on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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