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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-001



Subject: STB Nomination RETAC Class II / Class III Representative

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

I am writing to nominate Leila Ford as a Class II and Class III railroad representative to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Leila is currently the Vice President of Sales and Marketing responsible for Genesee and Wyoming's National Division railroads. In this role she is responsible for providing commercial direction to our sales teams that cover our affiliated properties in the Midwest and Northeast United States, as well as our properties in Canada.

These properties handle a significant amount of traditional energy traffic, including inbound PRB coal to power plants, outbound Appalachian coal for export, outbound commodities from fractionation plants in the Marcellus Shale, inbound propane to the Northeast and refineries in New York and PA. Her properties also serve new energy markets including trains of wind blades and turbines, crush plants producing soybean oil used in renewable diesel refineries, and ethanol plants. Each of these commodities have their own challenges in the U.S. rail network. Leila knows these commodities well and the particular issues faced by Class II and III railroads serving these markets.

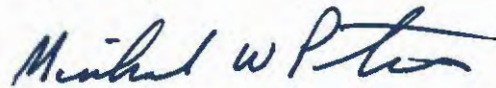
The following answers are in response to the specific requirements in the docket:

- 1) Leila Ford
Vice President, Sales & Marketing
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- 2) Representing Class II and III railroads.

- 3) Leila Ford is the Vice President of Sales & Marketing for G&W's National Region, where she and her team manage the commercial functions of 38 of G&W's affiliated railroads. Leila has been with G&W since 2013 and has held various roles on the commercial team where her focus has been growing customer relationships and leading the development of new commercial opportunities. Prior to joining G&W, Leila spent 8 years with CSX.
- 4) Leila is willing to serve as a member of RETAC.
- 5) Leila will serve in a representative capacity for Class II and Class III railroads.

I hope you will consider Leila for this position. She is an ideal candidate and will bring valuable insight to the STB and the other members of RETAC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Peters".

Michael Peters
Chief Customer Officer, North America
Genesee & Wyoming, Inc