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Chairman Robert Primus
Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No.2)
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) Vacancies

Candidate Nomination for Phillip C. Obie II, PMP.

Dear Chairman Primus:

I am writing to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee, filling the vacancy of an electric utility as noted in the August 2, 2024 Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No.2).

With my 6 years of service to the RETAC committee and continued interactions with the rail, coal supplier, and railcar industry, I can continue to bring a valuable perspective to the Committee and Board. Working with my peers on the committee we have provided valuable updates on the utility industry to the committee and how the supply chain impacts our business. In addition, with over 20 years of experience at Santee Cooper, I am qualified to continue to fill the RETAC's utility / state or municipal owned representative vacancy.

I am currently the Manager of Pond Closure and Beneficial Use at Santee Cooper, South Carolina's State Owned Electric and Water Utility. In this role I am responsible for the leadership and coordination of the utilities beneficial use program and the closure of our ash and gypsum ponds. I have previously served as the Group Leader over our solid and liquid fuel and transportation procurement and logistics program. It is our mission to provide the lowest cost power to our customers and with coal making up over 40% of our generation portfolio. We are a captive shipper of the CSX Transportation Railroad and ship coal from three different coal basins.

In my time at Santee Cooper, I have been involved in the negotiations of three amendments / extensions of our CSX Contract, two of those negotiations were led directly by me. I have also worked with the railroads to haul other commodities, ash and gypsum, in addition to coal. In addition to the rail industry, I continue to interact with coal and railcar suppliers. My continued interactions with leaders in these industries with my daily duties and on RETAC has helped educate decision makers on the impact of rail transportation to our industry and other energy related industries.

I received an undergraduate degree in computer science and have since earned two master's degrees in business administration and project management. I am a certified project manager with the Project Management Institute. In addition to my career in the utility industry I represented my community on the Berkeley County Council, the board of the Boy Scouts of America Coastal Carolina Council, my home council where I earned my Eagle Scout back in 1997, and volunteer with the local United Way's Day of caring.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip Obie II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a double underline on the Roman numeral "II".

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