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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Representative Replacement

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

On behalf of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), I write to nominate Ms. Katie Hower to replace Mr. Ryan Dreier for the remainder of his term as a large railroad representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). Mr. Dreier will be departing BNSF in May following a distinguished 26-year career.

Ms. Hower has been employed with BNSF since 2006. She currently serves as Group Vice President, Industrial Products with sales and marketing responsibilities for industrial segments, including chemicals, building products, construction products, beverages, perishables and canned goods. During her career with BNSF, Ms. Hower has held several marketing and sales roles in Consumer Products, Industrial Products and Agriculture Products. She also spent time in BNSF's Transportation Department with responsibility for Intermodal and Automotive Facilities and Network Operations. In 2020, she was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Petroleum, Industrial Products before being promoted to Vice President, Industrial Products, responsible for Energy and Coal. In 2024, she was named as Vice President, Service Design and Network Strategy in 2024. We believe that the RSTAC will benefit from Ms. Hower's years of railroading experience and deep knowledge of transportation markets across a variety of commodities.

Ms. Hower is willing to serve as an RSTAC member effective immediately upon her appointment, and she is aware that RSTAC members receive no compensation for their service. BNSF agrees to be responsible for Ms. Hower's expenses incidental to service on RSTAC, including any annual dues that RSTAC members agree to assess themselves to support RSTAC's expenses.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information. Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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cc: Vice Chairman Michelle Schultz
Member Robert Primus
Member Karen Hedlund
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