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Elizabeth McGrath
Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee
Surface Transportation Board

Re: Nomination of Benjamin Nussdorf to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC)

SUBMITTED VIA RETAC's E-FILING LINK

Dear Ms. McGrath:

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) respectfully submits this nomination to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) Notice of Vacancies.¹ NPGA nominates Benjamin Nussdorf, Senior Vice President, Regulatory & Industry Affairs, to fill an at-large seat on RETAC.²

NPGA is the national trade association of the propane industry with a membership of about 2,300 companies, and 36 state and regional associations that represent members in all 50 states. Membership in NPGA includes retail marketers of propane gas who deliver the fuel to the end user, propane producers, transporters and wholesalers, and manufacturers and distributors of equipment, containers, and appliances. Propane gas fuels millions of installations nationwide for home and commercial heating and cooking, in agriculture, industrial processing, and as a clean air alternative engine fuel for both over-the-road vehicles and industrial lift trucks. Roughly 75% of NPGA's members have fewer than 100 employees, and are considered small businesses. NPGA members rely on rail transport to move propane and renewable propane, particularly in areas of the country that are pipeline constrained. As such, Mr. Nussdorf is in a unique position to represent interested parties to RETAC.

Regarding the notice,³ Benjamin Nussdorf is the Senior Vice President, Regulatory & Industry Affairs, as well as the General Counsel, of the National Propane Gas Association. His contact information is bnussdorf@npga.org and he can be reached at 202-355-1321. His business address is 1140 Connecticut Ave., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036. Mr. Nussdorf will represent the propane industry's interest and concern with respect to the shipment of propane by rail.

Mr. Nussdorf has served in his current capacity for almost three years. In that time, he has gained an in-depth understanding of the issues affecting petroleum transport by rail. He has handled issues as diverse as regional pricing disparity, embargoes, strikes, and complicated logistical matters affecting petroleum transport. He has engaged with Surface Transportation Board (STB) Commissioners and has worked with representatives of a variety of railroads to collaboratively and constructively solve mutual problems. Mr. Nussdorf has attended a number of RETAC meetings in the past and has strong professional relationships with multiple members in their individual capacities and multiple companies through his work. Prior to his current position, Mr. Nussdorf worked in the Federal Government for 14 years in petroleum-related positions, including serving as a staff liaison on a Federal Advisory Committee (the Royalty Policy Committee at the Department of the Interior). Mr. Nussdorf also served as a government lead on a multi-year project for the National Petroleum Council, where he helped bridge divides between government,

¹ Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies, 90 Fed. Reg. 30543 (Jul. 9, 2025).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

industry, and non-governmental organizations to propose potential solutions to persistent problems facing the Department of Energy. Finally, Mr. Nussdorf is an attorney in good standing, admitted to the Bar of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Nussdorf is ready, willing, and able to serve as a member of RETAC and Mr. Nussdorf agrees to serve in a representative capacity.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,



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