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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs, Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

Re: Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2), Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies

This letter serves as a formal nomination to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), as requested via Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No.2). I would like to nominate to the committee:

Matthew D. Farr, Manager Coal Supply Planning and Logistics
Representative Interest: Electric Utility

Mr. Farr has been an employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for fifteen years. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of leadership roles including technology, demand-side management, and fuels. He currently manages a team responsible for the supply planning and transportation of approximately 15 million tons of coal per year, which powers 24 coal-fired generators across four sites. This generation portfolio is responsible for nearly 5,600 MW of capacity. Two of these sites are served exclusively by rail, while the remaining two sites are served by barge which is transloaded from rail. TVA sources coal from a variety of geographic locations across America, which requires knowledge of and commercial relationships with multiple Class I and II railroads. Mr. Farr's experience and day-to-day responsibilities make him an ideal choice to serve in this advisory role representing the electric utility perspective.

If selected, Matthew has agreed to serve as a member of RETAC in a representative capacity. We respectfully request the Surface Transportation Board to formally appoint him to one of the current Energy Utility vacancies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. A. Jones", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Benjamin A. Jones
Senior Director
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