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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs, Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Subject: Docket No. EP 526(Sub-No. 23) NOTICE OF RAILROAD-SHIPPER
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Attention: Mr. Patrick J. Fuchs, Chairman, United States Surface Transportation Board

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

I am writing to recommend Kimberly Thompson for the opening on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). Kimberly currently serves our company as the Vice President Sales & Marketing, American Region. In this role, she leads commercial activities for 75 regional short line railroads (that touch all six Class I railroads), ports, transload operations, and industrial switching properties. She works very closely with shippers and Class I railroads to find creative solutions to attract new industries and support customer expansion on our properties.

Kimberly has a strong supply chain background and has worked in the short line industry for over a decade. Earlier in her career, Kimberly worked at Norfolk Southern, and therefore has firsthand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities that exist between short lines, Class Is, and shippers.

Throughout Kimberly's career, she has developed an appreciation for the needs of a wider group of Class II and III railroads and would be able to bring these experiences to the RSTAC. She is well known within the short line industry and would be available to others to represent the broader group. She has previously demonstrated her deep understanding for the needs of short line railroads during her participation in the Surface Transportation Board's Hearing on Growth in the Freight Rail Industry on September 16, 2024.

During her time at Genesee & Wyoming, Kimberly has been involved in new business development, customer retention efforts, contract and lease negotiations, partner railroad relationships, strategic analysis for M&A/JV projects, long-range strategic planning, and

execution of sales growth and pricing initiatives. She would bring her knowledge of the complexities and challenges of ensuring a smooth implementation in these types of transactions to the RSTAC.

Genesee & Wyoming has operations in 42 states and interchanges with all Class 1 carriers. From that experience, we understand that each of the small railroads in this country have unique needs due to geography, commodity mix, and other factors. The RSTAC plays an important role in giving a voice to the needs of this group and by virtue of Genesee & Wyoming's broad portfolio and her contacts in the industry, Kimberly would be a great addition to the RSTAC.

Kimberly is available to join the RSTAC as soon as she is needed. Genesee & Wyoming would be proud to support the work of the RSTAC and the Surface Transportation Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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