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Patrick Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)

Dear Chairman Fuchs:

Please accept my nomination for an at-large seat on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. A copy of my resume is attached for your review and consideration.

My career spans the rail and energy sectors, providing a unique perspective on the issues at the heart of RETAC's mission. Currently, I lead a firm called Power&Rail, which specializes in the intersection of rail transportation and power transmission. I also serve as General Counsel for the North Carolina Railroad. Previously, I had a two-decade career at Norfolk Southern in legal and operations roles, which was preceded by a C-suite position at Vermont Electric Power.

Earlier this year, I was honored to serve on the organizing committee for a National Academies of Science workshop on the implications of co-locating power transmission in rights-of-way, representing the rail industry and leading several key discussions. In addition, I am a founding member and trustee of the Rail-Grid Collaborative (rail-grid.org). The Rail-Grid Collaborative (RGC) is headed by Jim Hoecker, a former FERC Chairman. My work with the RGC focuses on bringing railroads and electric utilities together to discuss topics of mutual interest and concern.

I understand the purpose of the RETAC, having reviewed its charter and available meeting materials. My cross-sector experience with two of the committee's main stakeholder industries would bring a unique and balancing point of view to the RETAC.

I am willing to serve on the RETAC in accordance with its requirements and would do so in a representative capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karin Stamy', with a stylized, cursive script.

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SUMMARY

Expert legal and operations executive, with experience in regulatory affairs, rail transportation, electric power transmission, governance and compliance, negotiation, risk management, insurance, infrastructure security, cybersecurity, construction, telecommunications, commercial contracts, and turnaround management. Leverages excellent interpersonal communication skills to coordinate with cross-functional teams and build strong professional relationships. A proven aptitude for providing strategic insights and governance guidance, and initiating risk-based management systems, process improvements, and team alignment.

EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD, Raleigh, North Carolina

General Counsel & Vice President, 2024 - present

- Responsible for all legal matters at single shareholder railroad company with \$50M in revenue derived from ownership of 317 miles of active railroad right of way
- Responsible for corporate secretarial and board governance matters
- Chief risk officer for company, including enterprise risk and insurance programs
- Serves on C-Level team, reporting to CEO
- Responsible for strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including state and federal governmental agencies and Class 1 operating railroads
- Expert in a variety of railroad legal topics, including litigation, compliance, industry specific contracts, and economic regulation.

Power&Rail, Atlanta, Georgia

Founder & President, 2023 - present

Lead practitioner in legal services and consulting firm focused on rail industry and power transmission. Provides fractional legal services in addition to advice on emerging technologies, environmental, safety, and applicable regulatory schemes.

VERMONT ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY (VELCO), Rutland, Vermont

Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, 2021-2023

- Served on C-level executive team, collaborated with board of directors, and oversaw corporate secretarial function.
- Managed a wide range of legal issues, including regulatory compliance, employment/benefits, finance, litigation, economic regulation, right of way management, cybersecurity, Public Utility Commission work, insurance, and governance.
- Modernized company's enterprise risk management, internal audit and KPI programs.
- Led company response to FERC proposed rulemakings aimed at increasing access to clean power generation that directly impacted transmission planning, building, and cost allocation.
- Negotiated asset owner's agreement governing shared facilities with HydroQuebec, enabling import of clean hydro power into New England.
- Supported all board committees, including compensation, audit, and governance.
- Facilitated advancement of team members into titles and positions that aligned with their contributions and areas of expertise.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION, Atlanta, Georgia; Norfolk, Virginia

Senior Deputy General Counsel, 2017-2021

Director of Safety, 2012-2017

Operational Regulatory Attorney, 1998-2006, 2007-2012

Operations Supervisor, 2006-2007

- Held dual business and legal role as lead operational regulatory attorney and director of corporate environmental remediation program, with oversight for 100-plus sites and reserved liability of \$50M-plus.
- Advised on train control technology implementation and derailment response.

Legal Leadership Achievements

- Acted as chief environmental attorney on multiple, complex projects throughout tenure.
- Served as key leader on industry legal team, advancing strategies for adoption of automated technology.
- Formalized company's drone policy and organized task force to monitor internal use of drones.
- Reduced reserves and improved investor disclosure by implementing new site review due diligence and accrual methods.
- Assisted with expansion of company non-DOT random drug testing program by researching and advising on divergent state laws to ensure compliance.
- Negotiated numerous major automotive manufacturer transportation contracts.
- Lead safety and operations attorney, responsible for resolving multimillion-dollar federal and state safety citations.
- Settled legal contribution claims in excess of \$20M for impacted environmental property cleanup.
- Managed criminal and civil investigations throughout tenure.

Business Leadership Achievements

- Turned around safety function by building risk-based safety management systems.
- Completed cross-training in rail operations by serving one-year term as field supervisor.
- Contributed to the efforts of securing \$300M in grants for intermodal rail facilities construction.
- Completed 20-year, \$70M public-private project by playing multiple roles, resulting in successful construction of high-rail bridge over scenic river in upstate New York park.
- Saved \$2M-plus in protracted, multi-party settlement at complex Great Lakes Superfund site by leveraging development of key riverside habitat to satisfy multiple private and governmental claims.
- Took strategic approach to insurance assets, generating \$50M-plus in recovered proceeds for legacy environmental contamination.

Corporate Culture Leadership

- Built young professionals' networks from scratch by assembling team and developing business case to generate executive buy-in.
- Served as key member of small team that launched women's network, as well as member of corporate sustainability and social responsibility team.
- Participated in founding of corporate diversity council.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

HARRIS BEACH & WILCOX, Buffalo, New York, **Associate**, 1992-1998. Focused on environmental law and white-collar crime.

U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE AND U.N. ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, Geneva, Switzerland, **Ford Foundation Intern**, 1991

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EDUCATION

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF LAW, Buffalo, New York
J.D.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York
B.A., Biochemistry

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, New York
Degree in Engineering