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RE: Nomination, Surface Transportation Board, RSTAC Small Shipper Vacancy

Dear Chairman and Members of the Surface Transportation Board,

I am writing to formally place my name for consideration as a Small Shipper representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC). I am excited at the prospect and the opportunity to serve the Surface Transportation Board, the rail community, and, most importantly, potentially represent the small shippers in the rail world that are critical to supply chains all over the country and all too often overshadowed by the juggernauts of the freight-rail industry.

For ten years at Safety-Kleen/Clean Harbors and now for over thirteen years at EPIC, I have gained a great deal of experience in the rail industry dealing with both significant success and challenges. My daily responsibility involves developing business for, and managing, a fleet of 434 railcars that move 600,000+ tons of commodities in the US and Canada. With our recent expansion and new car-build, we will exceed 650 total cars next year and hopefully eclipse the 1-million-ton mark. Our company was founded on moving waste by rail, mainly sludge and wastewater residuals, but taking my role at EPIC have expanded into all waste types, including low-level-rad (IP-1) and even non-waste commodities, like raw sugar. We work daily with all US class-1 railroads and numerous short-lines. We pride ourselves on communication, collaboration and teamwork. These experiences have provided a deep, practical understanding of the issues RSTAC was created to address, including service reliability, fleet optimization, and the need for greater supply chain visibility.

As a member of RSTAC, I would hope to bring perspective from the view of a small shipper that is constantly advocating and consistently growing freight rail, optimizing efficiency and embracing and publicizing the sustainability that rail transportation provides. We at EPIC are always exploring new and innovative ways to do more with less, and even more exciting doing more with more and getting outside the typical railroad box to do so. If our growth and innovation philosophy could be put into the fewest words, it would simply be, "Sure, why not?"

My goal on RSTAC would be to serve as an effective and results-oriented advocate for the small shipper community. I believe that there is always room for improvement and important organizations like the STB and RSTAC are vital to fostering that improvement and growth in our industry, not to mention



helping to drive the vital supply chain of this nation. As confirmation, upon appointment, I would be willing and ready to serve immediately, I am a US Citizen and not a full-time government employee.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the important work of the Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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