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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

March 5, 2026

Present: Members Fuchs, Hedlund, and Schultz
Staff Christopher Bertram, Jessica Caine, Sharon Clark, Anika Cooper,
Amanda Gorski, Adam Kress, Terrence McDermott, Lisa Novins, John
Rackson, Rob Reilly, Michael Scanlon, Martin Schlenker, Janie Sheng,
Michael Small, Charles Vance, Candace White

Topic: EP 334 (Sub-No. 8A), Joint Petition for Exemption of Arbitration
Rule from Application of 49 U.S.C. § 10706 and Motion to Dismiss

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by Chief Counsel Anika Cooper:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board members on a petition filed by the Railway Supply Institute (RSI) seeking reopening of EP 334 (Sub-No. 8A), review of Rule 25 of the American Association of Railroads (AAR) Code of Car Hire, imposition of conditions on or termination of the Board's prior approval of that rule under 49 U.S.C. § 10706(a), and related relief. The members and staff discussed the arguments raised by the parties, including the potential impact of recent changes to the Code of Car Hire.