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Re: Nomination of Deck S. Slone as Coal Producer Representative to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee; STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

The National Mining Association (NMA) is pleased to nominate Deck S. Slone, Chief External and Government Affairs Officer at Core Natural Resources, to serve as the Coal Producer representative to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) for the open term ending Sept. 30, 2029.

Mr. Slone would represent the interests of U.S. coal producers. He is Chief External and Government Affairs Officer at Core Natural Resources, formed in January 2025 through the merger of Arch Resources and CONSOL Energy. Before that, Slone served as Arch's Senior Vice President of Strategy, with senior responsibility for strategy formation, business development, sustainability, federal and state government affairs, and investor relations and shareholder engagement. Slone joined Arch in 1997 and its senior officer team in 2005.

Throughout his career, Mr. Slone has developed extensive experience in the coal industry and a broad understanding of the issues affecting coal producers, including transportation and infrastructure. His experience would provide RETAC with the perspective of a senior coal producer on rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and coordination among coal producers, railroads, and other energy stakeholders.

Mr. Slone is past chair of the National Coal Council, past chair of the NMA's Energy Policy Task Force, and past co-chair of the Carbon Utilization Research Council. He has served on the steering committee of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization and on the advisory committee of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, both at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a former member of the executive committee of the World



Coal Association and a past co-chair of both the policy and communications committees at the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

Mr. Slone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and a Master of Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

Mr. Slone has confirmed that he is willing to serve on RETAC and agrees to serve in a representative capacity. He can be reached at deckslone@coreresources.com or 724-416-8592.

Sincerely,



Martha Newell
Director, Government and Political Affairs