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Re: Nomination of Gerald "JB" Holliday – Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the West Virginia Coal Association (WVCA)¹ and its member companies, it is our pleasure to recommend Mr. **Gerald "JB" Holliday**, Director of Transportation for American Consolidated Natural Resources, Inc. (ACNR), to fill the **coal producer vacancy** on the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

In his current position as Director of Transportation for ACNR, he is responsible for the rail, river, and truck movement of the company's coal production to domestic utility, industrial customers and to export terminals around the nation.

West Virginia is the second largest coal producing state in the nation, with 87 million tons of annual underground and surface coal production accounting for roughly 43% of all U.S. coal production. West Virginia is the nation's largest producer of high-quality bituminous coal, and the nation's largest producer of metallurgical coal. Additionally, West Virginia leads the nation in international coal exports. ACNR is the largest coal producing company in West Virginia.

Coal production in West Virginia is heavily dependent on rail transportation, with 54% of the state's total production (47.6 million tons) of coal moving by railroad to the end customer or export facility last year. The movement of coal dominates all freight rail traffic in West Virginia. The 460,100 carloads of coal loaded in West Virginia is nearly three times the amount of all other state railroad traffic combined, representing 77% of all the carloads originating or terminating in the state.

JB is exceptionally well qualified to represent the **coal producers interest** on RETAC. He has worked in energy transportation for 37 years and has a breadth of practical operating experience moving West Virginia coal. JB fully understands and appreciates the importance of railroad operation and performance to each of the Mountain State's coal market segments.

¹ WVCA is a trade association representing the interests of companies engaged in the mining of coal within the State of West Virginia. WVCA's producing membership accounts for more than 95 percent of West Virginia's underground and surface coal production of both thermal and metallurgical coal. WVCA also represents approximately 150 associate members that supply an array of services to the mining industry. WVCA's primary goal is to enhance the viability of West Virginia coal as a source of secure and efficient domestic energy by facilitating safe and environmentally responsible coal mining through reasonable, equitable, and achievable state and federal policy and regulation. WVCA is the largest state coal trade association in the nation.

JB has confirmed that **he is willing to serve as a member of RETAC for the three-year term ending September 30, 2029, and that he agrees to serve in a representative capacity on behalf of the coal producer interest.**

We are pleased to nominate Gerald "JB" Holliday for appointment to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee and recommend him without reservation. I would be pleased to answer any questions or provide additional information regarding his qualifications.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JB", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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