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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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RE: EP 730 Sub-No. 1, Revisions to Arbitration Procedures

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's order dated December 22, 2017, I wish to continue to be included in the Board's updated list of potential arbitrators and mediators. Per the Board's requirements, I had previously submitted such a request in 2017 along with my original request back in 2001. Pursuant to those requests, the Board had added my name to the list of approved arbitrators.

I am a lawyer who has specialized in representing short line and regional railroads, public agencies, lenders, and investors as well as parties wishing to fund, operate, or provide private railroad passenger service. I have participated in numerous proceedings held by the Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as before the Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, and District of Columbia Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals and the Special Court established under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act. My practice also includes representing rail carrier and railroad-related clients in commercial and transactional matters involving the purchase, sale, and financing of railroads, railroad lines, and railroad equipment. I am one of the very few attorneys who has represented short line and regional railroads in line construction petitions involving the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Moreover, I

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am one of the few attorneys in private practice who understands freight and passenger railroad operations.

As to my arbitration experience, I have represented clients in commercial disputes conducted under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association and the Association of American Railroads. I have also represented clients in private mediations and mediations conducted by the Board.

I have written and spoken extensively on railroad topics before the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, the Standing Conference on Rail Transportation, the American Public Transportation Association, the Transportation Research Board, *Railway Age* magazine's presentations on Passenger Railroads operating over Freight Railroad lines, and on WAMU Radio's Kojo Nnamdi show.

My government experience includes three years as a staff attorney with the Office of Proceedings of the Interstate Commerce Commission and two and one half years with the former US Railway Association. I have been associated with Strasburger & Price since October 2011.

I had previously furnished a copy of my resume to the Board. More recently I have been engaged by and continue to work as a subcontractor to the AECOM consulting firm providing legal advice to the Northeast Corridor Commission in connection with changing the current liability allocation arrangements between Amtrak and the various commuter rail agencies operating over the Corridor to a "no fault" liability regime.

I would be pleased to serve the Board as an arbitrator or mediator. My fee would range from \$400 to \$500 per hour depending upon the matter.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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