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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

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Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman
Member Staff Amanda Gorski, Ellen Erichsen, Lisa Novins, Valerie Quinn
Agency Staff Craig Keats, Anika Cooper, Rachel Campbell, Allison Davis,
William Brennan, Michael Boyles, Pedro Ramirez, Frederick Horne,
Nathaniel Bawcombe, Rebecca Morrow

Topic: Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5), Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by General Counsel Craig Keats:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board Members on the status of calculating the annual productivity change for the year 2017 and for the 2013-2017 period. Those annual figures are typically published by the Board in February each year in EP 290 (Sub-No. 4), Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures – Productivity Adjustment. The annual productivity numbers are used in preparing the Board's quarterly decisions in EP 290 (Sub-No. 5).

Staff and Board Members discussed the following issues:

1. The status of calculating the annual productivity change for the year 2017 and for the 2013-2017 period.
2. The relationship between the productivity calculation and the data requirements for the Board's quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor decisions.