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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancy (November 21, 2016, 81 FR 83324)

Dear Mr. Wolfe,

In the November 21, 2016 *Federal Register*, the Surface Transportation Board solicited suggestions from the public for a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC or Committee). The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) is pleased to submit the following candidates for the RETAC: Kent Avery, Vice President of Commercial Asset Optimization, PBF Refining, and Larry Schwenk, Rail Logistics Director, Dow Chemical. AFPM is a national trade association representing nearly 400 companies that encompass virtually all U.S. refining and petrochemical manufacturing capacity. AFPM members have a keen interest in the transportation by rail of both refined and petrochemical products. They are both users and customers of our nation's great rail system and are affected by such issues as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, railroads, and end users of energy resources.

AFPM offers these candidates as qualified members to participate on the RETAC and engage in discussions on critical topics affecting energy rail shippers. Kent Avery of PBF was a trainmaster for United Pacific Rail (UP) with a career spanning 27 years in both operations and business development in the rail industry, including extensive experience in rail terminal operations and dispatching. His experience prompted the BNSF Railroad to name him to their Customer Advisory Board. Larry Schwenk, a 35-year employee, is the Dow Rail Logistics



Director with a diverse background in areas including engineering, manufacturing, logistics, supply chain operations, and improvements in both commercial and functional departments. He has led Dow rail advocacy on many issues such as positive train control, toxic inhalation hazard, and flammability.

AFPM thanks the Board for considering these highly qualified candidates. Attached are their resumes and letters of interest highlighting the extensive experience on issues they could bring to the Committee. We hope you will strongly consider these worthy candidates for the RETAC. If you need further information or have any questions, please contact me at (202) 552-8461 or by e-mail at dfriedman@afpm.org.

Sincerely,

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