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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Re: Docket No. EP-730 (Sub-No. 1)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the Board's decision in the above proceeding served December 2, 2016.

In accordance with that decision, this is my application for inclusion in the roster of arbitrators contemplated in 49 U.S.C. § 11708(f).

I have 52 years of experience in regulation of rail carriers, 5 of which was in the Law Department of Illinois Central Railroad Company; 31 of which was in the law firm of Belnap, Spencer, Hardy & Freeman and successors, and the most recent 16 years of which has been as a sole practitioner.

I have acted as arbitrator in two disputes between rail carriers and state transportation departments.

My contact information is shown in the letterhead at the top of this communication.

My fee structure is flexible, but would not exceed \$195 per hour.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland