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Re: Docket No. EP 730 (Sub-No. 1)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please consider this my application for inclusion on the roster of arbitrators in accordance with the Board's decision served on December 2, 2016 in the above-captioned proceeding.

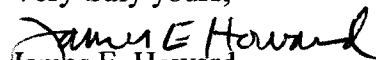
I have over 40 years experience as a lawyer in matters relating to rail transportation. During the 1970s, I served as a lawyer for the Trustees of Penn Central Transportation Company in connection with the reorganization proceedings that resulted in the conveyance of substantially all of the rail assets to Conrail. As a partner in Kirkpatrick & Lockhart and, since 1996, in my own law firm, I have represented numerous rail carriers and other clients with interests in rail transportation matters, including regulatory issues before the Board, transactional matters involving sales and acquisitions of rail assets and litigation. I served as the Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustee for Bangor & Aroostook Railroad.

I am a member of the American Arbitration Association commercial arbitration panel, as a result of which I have served as an arbitrator in several transportation cases, including car hire disputes. I have also represented numerous clients in arbitration and mediation proceedings.

My contact information is set forth above. My hourly rate for service as an arbitrator is \$300.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you very much for your attention to this application.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard