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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
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The Honorable Patrick Fuchs
Board Member
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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Board Member
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Re: *Docket No. FD 36186, Texas Railway Exchange LLC -
Construction and Operation Exemption - Galveston County, TX*

Dear Chairman Begeman and Board Members Fuchs and Oberman,

Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board approve the Texas Railway Exchange LLC's (TREX's) petition for an exemption to construct and operate a rail line in Galveston, Texas in Docket No. FD 36186.

ADM is one of the world's largest agricultural processors and food ingredient providers, with over 32,000 employees, operating in six continents and more than 170 countries. ADM delivers food ingredient products such as oils and meal from soybeans, cottonseed, canola, peanut, and corn germ, as well as animal feed and biofuels. Presently, ADM ships over thirty (30) ethanol unit trains per year to the Texas International Terminals (TIT) on the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its railroad connections from its processing plants.

TREX's proposed rail line construction will benefit ADM because it will allow TIT to make efficiency gains that will translate to better and more dependable service for all of its customers. TIT will be in a position to better project and coordinate rail operations, which will result in more fluid operations and reduced transit times as well as the ability to predict shipments and transportation costs.

In summary, ADM urges the Board to approve TREX's proposed rail construction in order to enhance the market and abilities for rail transportation through this facility.

Sincerely,

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