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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in connection with the STB's November 27, 2012 decision per Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2), which provides notice of vacancies on and solicits nominations for the Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

One of the four vacancies announced is for a representative from a biofuel refiner, processor or distributor, or biofuel feedstock grower or provider.

To fill this particular committee seat vacancy, I would like to nominate:

Mr. Ben Sweat, from the biofuel producer and distributor POET LLC.

Ben is a former colleague of mine, having worked together at POET for over 5 years. I have spoken to Ben about serving on this committee, and he expressed both a very keen interest as well as a strong committee to serve.

Attached is Ben's letter reflecting both his interest and commitment.

Ben has a wealth of experience in liquid fuels transportation, particularly renewable biofuels. I have attached a copy of his CV for review accordingly.

Finally, I wish to state that Ben is not a federally registered lobbyist. Further, should the Board be interested I wish to state that I am also not a federally registered lobbyist.

I hope that the Board will consider this nomination, as I believe that Ben will not only professionally and appropriately represent the biofuels industry as a Committee member, but will add value to the Committee overall as a function of his strong biofuels transportation background his wealth of relevant experience.

Thank you in advance for considering this nomination.

Respectfully,

David M. Bertram

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Ben Sweat, am willing to serve on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. My experience in the ethanol industry as well as my current responsibilities for Poet Ethanol Products should provide a valuable resource for this committee. I am not a federally registered lobbyist.

I appreciate your consideration in this selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Sweat", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Sweat
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BEN SWEAT

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EDUCATION

Kansas State University

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

1991

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Poet Ethanol Products

Chief Operating Officer

Responsible for all physical shipments of ethanol, liquid carbon dioxide and corn unit trains for the largest ethanol marketing company in the US. We are currently marketing 1.9 billion fuel ethanol gallons per year from 35 operating facilities, utilizing over 125 different hazardous material carriers. Transportation assets include a truck fleet exceeding 60 tractors and a rail fleet exceeding 2,500 tankcars. We are currently one of the largest, if not the largest unit train shipper of ethanol in the US with rail origins and destinations on the majority of the Class I railroads, BNSF, UP, NS, CSX, KCS and CN.

Also accountable for 104 employees, Poet Ethanol Products DOT and hazardous material compliance, transportation equipment specifications, hazardous material carrier vetting, product quality assurance/quality control, emergency response and gasoline blending.

2000 to Current

Koch Industries, Inc.

Gasoline Blending and Optimization Manager

- Worked for Koch Industries for over 8 years in various refinery, trading and gasoline blending roles.
- January 1996 – Koch Refining Company's Gasoline Components and Latin American Products Group. Gasoline Component responsibilities included gasoline blending, terminal lease negotiation, project development, component trading and operations coordination for gasoline blending programs in Pasadena, TX and New York Harbor terminals as well as at the Corpus Christi, TX refinery. Latin American Light Products duties included contacts with Brazilian, Mexican and Argentinian Products trading groups as well as market analysis for the Latin America region.
- July 1994 – Koch Refining Company's Light Products Trading group as a Market Analyst. Responsible for Gasoline, Jet and Diesel fuel markets.
- January 1992 – Koch Refining Company's Minneapolis refinery, Project Engineer. Responsible for refinery construction projects in the FCC, Alky and Coker process areas.

1992 to 2000

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Federal Railroad Administration – T87.6 Design Task Force

- Worked with the FRA to review potential design enhancements to the 30,000 general purpose tank car in fuel ethanol and crude oil service.

2011 – 2012

Nation Transportation Safety Board

- Hazardous Material group member for the investigation of the New Brighton, PA ethanol unit train derailment.

2006 – 2008

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

"Integrated Planning, Scheduling and Optimization of Blending Operations: A Blueprint for Increased Profit Margins".

Paper presented at the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association Computer Conference

1998

MEMBERSHIPS

National Freight Transportation Association

North American Freight Car Association