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Dear Ms. Brown:

It is my great honor to give my highest recommendation for Emily F. Regis to serve as an active member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Emily has the requisite experience with a major electric cooperative, and she has the demonstrated capability to analyze and evaluate competing interests and reach a proper decision.

My direct business relationship with Ms. Regis arises from her many years of leadership and service to the National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA). My responsibility as Executive Director of the NCTA has allowed my working closely with Emily over the years as she has willingly progressed through several volunteer roles requiring initiative and leadership. She has never failed us. She has always approached her assumed responsibilities with enthusiasm, integrity, and with attention to detail. She has that rare attribute of asking thoughtful and penetrating questions. This capability will serve the RETAC committee well as it has served NCTA.

I will not review her resume in detail, but she has been involved with NCTA leadership for over ten years. It should be noted, however, that she has successfully served in the following leadership positions: Board Director, Education Committee Chairman, Association Treasurer for four years, Vice President for two years, and she is now in her second year as President. She is a superb leader of an organization that is charged with promoting safe, economical, and reliable transportation of coal serving our members and the public interest. This mission statement is commensurate with the mission of the Surface Transportation Board.

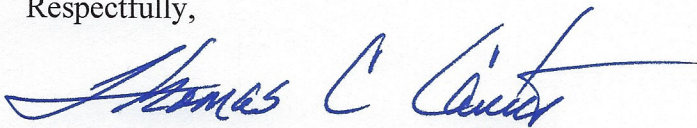
By all accounts, Emily has successfully managed the fuel supply program with her constant effort to maintain low cost of electrical supply for a customer base that has a high percentage of low-income residents. Her position requires expertise and negotiating skills in all segments of the fuel supply chain. Specifically, she has to negotiate and administer contracts for rail transportation and coal supply while managing the fleet of rail car leasing, rail car maintenance,

and power plant chemicals. This has all been accomplished with ever-changing, stringent regulations on power plant requirements. She has never placed AEPCO and the Apache Generating Station in a position of a supply failure even during periods of unsatisfactory rail transportation.

In summary, Emily has a comprehensive understanding of energy transportation issues and challenges gained by being immersed in the commercial and regulatory arena. She is fair and open-minded and is eager to serve.

I am pleased to answer any questions or provide additional information, and may be reached as shown below.

Respectfully,



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