

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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ASSESSMENT OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE OF
THE NATIONAL GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION**

The National Grain and Feed Association ("NGFA") hereby provides notice pursuant to the Decision served in this proceeding on June 28, 2012 that it desires to participate in the public hearing to be held in this proceeding on August 2, 2012. NGFA hereby requests that it be allotted ten (10) minutes for its testimony, which will be presented by the Acting President of NGFA, Mr. Randall Gordon. NGFA also respectfully requests that the Board schedule Mr. Gordon's appearance to occur prior to 11:00 AM due to travel commitments of Mr. Gordon made prior to the June 28 Decision.

In summary, Mr. Gordon will address several issues raised by NGFA and other parties in their filings in this proceeding, including but not necessarily limited to (1) NGFA's general support for the Board's efforts to establish a workable arbitration and mediation system; (2) the need to ensure that other, well-established, successful rail arbitration systems such as NGFA's continue to operate; and (3) NGFA's written

comments on the substance of the Board's proposed rules, particularly the need for transparency in any arbitration system.

Respectfully submitted,



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