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Rail Arbitrator

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I would like to be considered for the position of rail arbitrator for the Surface Transportation Board. I retired from Tate & Lyle North America in 2009. At that time, I formed Macon Grain, LLC as a consultant for the grain and transportation industry. Since then, I have served on the Board of Kokomo Grain, Inc for three years, one year as President of the Board. I also have provided consulting services for Interstate Commodities, KBS Railroad, Siemer Milling Co., Farmers Cooperative at Merna, NE., Herscher Grain Co. and the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Throughout my career in the grain business, I have been involved with all the major rail carriers in the U.S. negotiating rates, service agreements and equipment leasing. I was also responsible for barge freight rates and service agreements with the barge lines in my role at Tate & Lyle as Director of Procurement.

As a member of the National Grain and Feed Association, I served on the Waterways Committee, Trade Rules Committee and as Chair of the Arbitration Appeals Committee. I was involved in grain arbitration from 1998 until I retired in 2009. This involvement consisted of being a plaintiff and defendant at various times. Most of my experience as an arbitrator was that of an arbitration panel member, chair of arbitration panels and as Chair of the NGFA Arbitration Appeals Panel. This activity was something that I took very seriously in all facets of the procedures. I was chosen to be involved due to my absolute non-bias opinion and I always let the facts and the specific rules influence by decisions.

Regarding fees, I would charge \$300 per hour plus any travel expenses that be incurred.

Thanks for the opportunity.

/s/Donald W. Wenneker

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