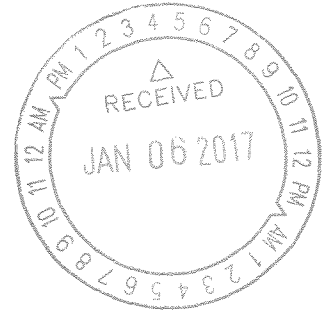


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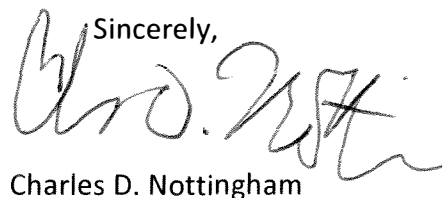
Cynthia T. Brown
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395 E Street SW
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Re: STB Docket Number EP_730_1

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Charles D. Nottingham's application to be included in the Board's roster of arbitrators.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Nottingham

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**DOCKET NO. EP_730_1
REVISIONS TO ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

**APPLICATION OF CHARLES D. NOTTINGHAM TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BOARD'S ROSTER OF
ARBITRATORS**

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Dated January 5, 2017

Charles D. Nottingham hereby respectfully submits this application to be included on the Board's roster of arbitrators.

I am confident that I have the requisite experience to merit inclusion in the roster of arbitrators. In specific, I have extensive experience working in the fields of rail transportation, economic regulation, professional and business experience, in depth knowledge of the agriculture industry, as well as private sector experience.

During my 17 years of government service in Congress, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the U.S Department of Transportation and the Surface Transportation Board, I consistently resolved complex problems and disputes by bringing disparate parties and interests together to find

common ground and impartial resolutions. Since departing government service in 2011, I have worked in the private practice of law and consulting where I advise transportation stakeholders on regulatory, legal, legislative, policy and economic matters. In 2014 I founded my own small business, Charles D. Nottingham PLLC, to better serve clients in a setting that is largely free of the conflict of interest issues that often arise at larger law firms.

During my career I have gathered hands-on training and experience in various forms of dispute resolution. For example, as Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner (CEO) of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from 1999-2002, I was solely responsible for arbitrating all large construction claim disputes between contractors and VDOT. These cases often involved millions of dollars in claims and highly complex issues of construction law, contract interpretation and state and federal procurement policy. Additionally, as Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board from 2006-2009, I personally mediated a variety of disputes between rail carriers, shippers and other stakeholders. In my more recent private practice, I have represented clients in mediation, including a Class III rail carrier in a contract dispute over switching fees and a Class I carrier in a dispute with Amtrak that was mediated by Surface Transportation Board staff.

I am a member in good standing of the Bar Associations of Virginia and the District of Columbia. I reside in the District of Columbia (DC) and maintain offices and conference room space in downtown DC. I am the founding principal of Charles D. Nottingham, PLLC – a law and consulting firm dedicated to assisting clients (mostly transportation companies, shippers, and

investors in transportation companies and infrastructure) to resolve complex legal, regulatory and policy challenges. My areas of expertise include: freight rail rate dispute analysis and resolution (including the Board's related methodologies and economic and policy guidelines); analyzing and resolving claims of unreasonable practices in the rail industry, including demurrage, accessorial charges, misrouting or mishandling of rail cars, and disputes over a carrier's published rules and practices. I also have extensive experience working on issues across the full spectrum of the Board's jurisdiction, including motor carrier issues, pipeline issues, non-contiguous maritime shipping issues, preemption issues, issues related to the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental statutes and regulations.

Highlights of my professional background include:

- Founder and principal of Charles D. Nottingham PLLC (2014-present)
- Chairman, Vice Chair and Commissioner, Surface Transportation Board (2006-2011)
- Associate Administrator of Policy and Governmental Affairs, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT (2002-2006)
- Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Commonwealth Transportation Board in Virginia (1998-2002)
- Chief of Staff and Counsel, Congressman Tom Davis (VA-11, retired, former Chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform) and Congressman Bob Goodlatte (VA-6, former Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and current Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee (1995-1998).

My fees for arbitration work range from \$300 - \$475 per hour, depending on the complexity of the matter in dispute and related considerations. My contact information is:

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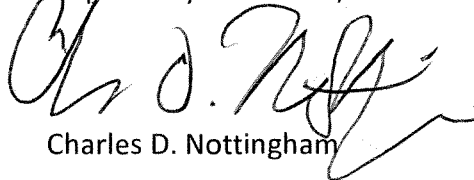
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I would be pleased to supplement this application with any additional information needed by the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Nottingham", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles D. Nottingham

Principal, Charles D. Nottingham PLLC

Dated: January 5, 2017