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Attention: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies, international affiliates and industry associates worldwide. Our members provide electricity for 220 million Americans and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As generators of electricity and operators of the nation's electric transmission and distribution (T&D) system, EEI member companies have a critical interest in the use of coal as a major fuel source. With this said, our members also have a vested strategic interest in the reliable, safe, and economic transportation—primarily via our nation's railroad network—of this vital energy commodity. Utilities also rely on rail transportation to move large, critical electrical system components, such as transformers.

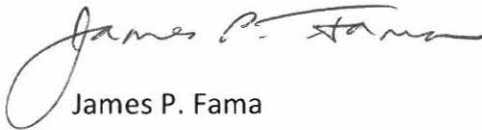
As EEI Vice President of Energy Delivery, I am writing to nominate Ron Talbot, to represent our industry as one of five electric utility members of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Mr. Talbot is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for PNM Resources (PNM), the parent company of Public Service Company of New Mexico and Texas-New Mexico Power. PNM, based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is an energy holding company which provides electricity—through its aforementioned regulated electric utilities—to more than 746,000 homes and businesses in New Mexico and Texas. PNM's generating capacity of more than 2,572 megawatts reflects a mix of coal, natural gas, nuclear, wind and solar generation.

I submit that Mr. Talbot is uniquely and ideally suited to provide insight to RETAC and the Surface Transportation Board regarding the rail energy issues of interest to the electric utility industry, particularly from those utilities operating in and serving customers in the western and southwestern regions of the U.S. Currently, Mr. Talbot

is a member of the Western Electric Industry Leaders group which is comprised of CEOs and executive leaders from numerous entities in the western U.S. that are responsible for delivering electric energy to wholesale and retail customers. He is also lead executive responsible for PNM's interactions and CEO relationships with the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and Peak Reliability which monitors and directs the reliable operation of the bulk electric system's Western Interconnection.

Mr. Talbot has agreed to his nomination and can be contacted at PNM Resources, Alvarado Square, Albuquerque, NM 87158-0001, 505-241-2883, ron.talbot@pnmresources.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James P. Fama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "F".

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Ron Talbot

Ron Talbot is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for PNM Resources, the parent company of Public Service Company of New Mexico and Texas-New Mexico Power. With nearly 30 years of experience in the utility industry, Talbot is responsible for both Texas and New Mexico transmission and distribution operations, along with generation, safety, NERC compliance, supply chain and management systems.

Before joining PNM Resources in 2012, Talbot was the chief operating officer for Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

Business Experience

PNM Resources

- Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Indianapolis Power and Light Company

- Chief Operating Officer, Power Supply and Power Delivery
- Senior Vice President, Power Supply
- Senior Vice President, Customer Operations

Commonwealth Edison Company

- Vice President, Chicago Region Operations

Consolidated Edison Company

- General Manager, Manhattan Electric Operations

Community Activities

- WESST, Board Member

Professional Affiliations

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Education

- State University of New York, Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics
- Clarkson University, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- New Jersey Institute of Technology, Master of Science in Electrical Engineering