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Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2), *Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies*

Dear Ms. Brown:

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) supports the nomination of Emily F. Regis to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

Emily Regis has extensive knowledge of all facets of energy transportation. Through her tenure at our member cooperative, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO), she has day-to-day knowledge of all aspects of the fuel supply chain and how rail operations impact utilities across the country. She is responsible for coal and rail negotiations, rail car leasing and maintenance, and the management of fuel supply to fly ash deposition and environmental controls. As evident of her leadership and business acumen she has created a solid working relationship with Union Pacific (UP) and BNSF Railway (BNSF), that provide service to the Apache Generating Station.

Also, Emily has been involved in the industry associations. Since 2008, Emily has been heavily involved in the leadership with the National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA). Since 2017 she has served at the President of the organization. She previously served as Chair of NCTA's Education Committee, as Treasurer (2012- 2016), Vice President (2015-2017).

NRECA believes that Emily will be a strong addition to RETAC therefore we recommend that the Board act favorably on her nomination.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Matheson
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