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REVISIONS TO ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

APPLICATION OF MICHAEL A. NELSON FOR INCLUSION ON THE BOARD'S ROSTER OF
ARBITRATORS

Pursuant to the Decision in this proceeding served December 2, 2016, this document constitutes the application of Michael A. Nelson for inclusion on the Board's roster of arbitrators.

I have approximately 38 years of professional experience in rail transportation and economic regulation. Prior to 1984 I was a Senior Research Associate in the transportation practice at Charles River Associates, an economic consulting firm. Since February 1984 I have been an independent consultant, and in that capacity have submitted comments and testimony in numerous proceedings before this Board and the ICC. I have worked on rail matters on behalf of U.S. Class I freight railroads (mainly DRGW and the merged SP-DRGW system), Canadian and Mexican freight railroads, freight rail shippers and shipper groups, industry and rail line developers, Amtrak, other governmental entities and landowners.

My practice has consistently emphasized conformity with sound principles of rail regulation economics. This reflects my professional training, which includes master's degrees from M.I.T. in Civil Engineering (Transportation Systems) and Management (Public Sector), and extensive coursework under Professor Ann Friedlaender, one of the 16 preeminent economists who signed the consensus "Verified Statement of Economists Supporting the Principles of Constrained Market Pricing" (June 1983) submitted to the ICC regarding implementation of CMP under the Staggers Act.

I have extensive familiarity with established Board procedures for resolving rail rate and practice disputes and controversies, including rate case methodologies and declaratory order proceedings.

My contact information is presented below. My fees are \$250/hr, plus any direct costs (such as travel).

Please advise if the Board requires any further information in order to consider this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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