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To: Surface Transportation Board

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Re: PTC extension

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Hawkins Inc. supports extending the deadline for implementing Positive Train Control (PTC) and also supports the petition filed by The ACC, The Chlorine Institute, and The Fertilizer Institute to enforce the railroads' common carrier obligation to carry chlorine and other TIH materials.

The status of PTC implementation should not alter the railroads' common carrier obligation. Inability of the railroad to carry appropriately offered bulk materials for shipment leaves our company with no alternative method of transporting raw materials to our facilities in the upper Midwest US.

Hawkins receives hundreds of railcars of chlorine annually (and thousands of railcars of other materials). Chlorine is one of the main raw materials used in the manufacture of our products. Disruptions in service would not only lead to loss in revenue for our company, but could have an impact on staffing at our locations.

Most importantly, many of our customers use our products to purify and disinfect municipal and industrial water and wastewater, so the negative impact of service interruption on human health and the environment would be intolerable.

Failure to extend the deadline for implementing PTC and releasing the railroads from their obligation to deliver chlorine by rail would severely impact our company and have significant downstream impact. We hope you are considering all aspects of this issue.

We appreciate your efforts in helping our country avoid a devastating disruption in rail service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Hawkins", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Patrick H. Hawkins

President and CEO



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the letter regarding extending the PTC deadline was submitted to the American Chemistry Council, The Chlorine Institute and the Fertilizer Institute on October 21, 2015.

By David Rosenstock
VP Vertex