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Cynthia Brown
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RE: Docket No. EP-730 (Sub-No. 1)

Dear Miss Brown,

With regard to the above Docket, I wish to submit my name to be included in the roster of arbitrators.

My experience with rail transportation relates to working for the Union Pacific Railroad for thirty years. During these thirty years, I was integrally involved in every phase of marketing, pricing and forecasting for the Railroad's Agricultural Business Unit. I worked directly with our customers each day to facilitate programs that made it possible for the Railroad and its customers to successfully conduct business together. In the process of doing this, we sometimes had disagreements about the intent of what we were each attempting to do and as a result I would be involved in each of those disputes in order to find resolution. My training for the resolution of these disputes came from internal programs at the railroad in addition to working directly with the company's attorneys. I was also very familiar with the National Grain and Feed's arbitration process.

If selected to serve as an arbitrator, my fee would be \$300 per hour, plus travel expenses.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Caron