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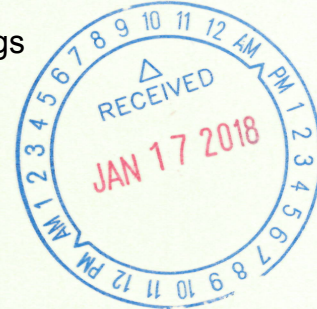
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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
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RE: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub. No. 10)

Dear Acting Chair Begeman,

I am writing to nominate myself to be appointed to one of the small railroad representative vacant positions on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

I am Mark Wegner, President & CEO of the Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (TC&W), the Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc. (MPL), the Sisseton Milbank Railroad Company (SMRR), and recently appointed CEO of Red River Valley & Western Railroad (RRV&W). These short line railroads serve shippers in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Our freight rail transportation role is focused on shipper service in many ways, and working with our large railroad connections ensures superior customer service. Our railroads participate in and are members of many rail shippers associations, which helps give shipper insight to freight rail issues.

I am a Board member of the American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), and serve on the ASLRRA's Positive Train Control (PTC) sub-committee as its chair.

Since TC&W and RRV&W are at the forefront of implementing PTC on a short line railroad, I can provide an inside view of the challenges (technical, safety and commercial) of the on-going challenge of PTC to the RSTAC.

I am President of the Minnesota Regional Railroad Association, which consists of all the freight railroads (large and small) which operate in Minnesota.

I represent that I am willing to serve as an RSTAC member effective immediately upon appointment, and I'd appreciate your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Wegner

President & CEO -Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc., Sisseton Milbank Railroad Company

CEO – Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company