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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 586
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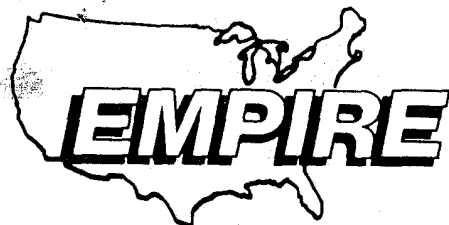
Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept this letter with attachments to reconfirm my interest in being included in the Roster of Arbitrators available to arbitrate disputes pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1108.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith G. O'Brien



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Mr. Ed Vigneaux

Chairman

Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

RE: Nomination for Arbitrators, Surface Transportation
Board, Pursuant to Ex Parte No. 560

Dear Ed:

It is with great pleasure that I and Empire Wholesale Lumber nominate Keith G. O'Brien as an Arbitrator in accordance with Part 1108.6 of the subject rules.

Keith is a partner in the DC law firm of Rea, Cross & Auchincloss. He is a member of the District of Columbia and California Bars, and specializes in surface transportation and environmental law. A graduate of the University of Southern California (B.S. 1959, L.L.B. 1962), Keith has been active in military (Judge Advocate Corp and civilian practice with Department of Navy), private industry and government service (Legal Advisor to Chairman George Stafford, Interstate Commerce Commission 1969-1972).

Keith served as General Council and as Executive Director of the Regular Common Carrier Conference of the American Trucking Association (1972-1978). He has represented rail and motor carriers, shippers and public agency clients in matters before the Interstate Commerce Commission, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Surface Transportation Board and the courts. Since joining Rea, Cross & Auchincloss he has been active in the formation of shortline railroads including the Akron Barberton Cluster, having represented and advised shippers and shortline railroads. Finally, in my dealings with him, Keith has repeatedly proven himself to be intellectually honest and an adherent of the strictest ethical standards, qualities which when added to his extensive transportation law background make him a perfect Arbitrator.

Sincerely,

James Johnson
Traffic Manager

cc: Members of RSTAC

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KEITH G. O'BRIEN

Keith G. O'Brien is a partner in the District of Columbia law firm of Rea, Cross & Auchincloss specializing in transportation law and related environmental and safety issues, including representation of motor carriers, short line and regional railroads, public agencies and shippers.

Mr. O'Brien is a graduate of the University of Southern California, (BS 1959 and (LLB in 1962). Mr. O'Brien was admitted to practice in California in 1963 (currently inactive) and in the District of Columbia in 1989. Mr. O'Brien is also admitted to practice before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and District of Columbia Circuits, the Court of Federal Claims and the United States Supreme Court. He practices before the Surface Transportation Board (formerly the Interstate Commerce Commission), the United States Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

After serving with the U.S. Navy as a Judge Advocate, Mr. O'Brien joined the staff of the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1968 and became advisor to Chairman George Stafford in 1970. In 1973 he left the Commission to become General Counsel for the Regular Route Common Carrier Conference of the American Trucking Association. He was subsequently appointed Executive Director of the Conference. In 1978 he joined Wheeler & Wheeler and subsequently became a partner in the well known Washington, DC firm established by the late Senator Wheeler. There Mr. O'Brien represented both rail and motor carriers,

shippers, union and public agency clients in matters before the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency and as counsel on legislative issues.

Since joining Rea, Cross & Auchincloss Mr. O'Brien has continued his transportation and administrative law practice. He has represented motor carrier clients on issues involving training and compliance with Federal Highway Administration Safety and Hours of Service Regulation and Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations. He has represented shippers, public agencies and shortline railroad clients on a broad range of concerns before the Surface Transportation Board, its predecessor the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Courts. During the 1997/1998 term Mr. O'Brien served as Chairman of the D.C. Chapter of the Association for Transportation, Law, Logistics and Policy.