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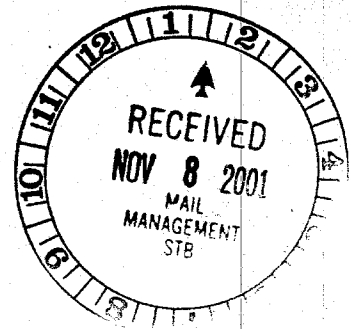
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November 8, 2001

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket Ex Parte No. 586, Arbitration, et al

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Board's decision in the above-captioned proceeding served September 20, 2001, invited individuals experienced in rail transportation issues who wish to be placed on a roster of arbitrators available to arbitrate disputes under 49 CFR 1108 to submit their names and qualifications by November 8, 2001. Pursuant to that decision, I would like to be included in the Board's list of qualified arbitrators and am submitting an original and three copies of my qualifications.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter for my files.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John D. Heffner".

John D. Heffner

Enclosures

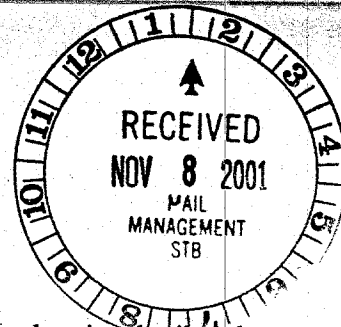
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John D. Heffner is a lawyer who has specialized in representing short line and regional railroads, public agencies, lenders and investors, and shippers in railroad acquisition transactions for over 20 years. During that time Mr. Heffner has developed a diverse practice representing a wide variety of clients in railroad regulatory and transactional work. Aside from numerous appearances before the Surface Transportation Board and the former Interstate Commerce Commission, John Heffner has participated in administrative agency proceedings conducted by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the United States Railroad Retirement Board. Much of Mr. Heffner's work involves the negotiation, drafting, review, and interpretation of numerous commercial railroad agreements. More than an ordinary "commerce" lawyer, Mr. Heffner has handled railroad and transportation matters involving antitrust, bankruptcy, industry practice, safety, and financial issues and has advised public agencies and other entities looking to initiate passenger and commuter rail service.

John Heffner is one of the very few lawyers in private practice who possesses a practical understanding of railroad economics and operating practices. A life long student of railroading, Mr. Heffner used that knowledge to persuade the ICC in 1979 to block the Southern Railway's efforts to discontinue its "Southern Crescent" passenger train. Over 20 years later, he used the same skills to help Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc., win STB authority to abandon a 66 mile rail line in Idaho over the vigorous opposition of the State of Idaho and the on-line shippers. Mr. Heffner gained much of that practical knowledge and experience during the 15 years he served as General Counsel to the Keokuk Junction Railway, a profitable and well respected short line carrier, from its 1981 formation to its 1996 sale to Pioneer RailCorp. Finally, Mr. Heffner has testified as an expert witness in federal court proceedings involving railroad related topics.

Mr. Heffner has appeared in numerous legal proceedings involving railroad regulatory and commercial disputes. He has represented clients in each of the three largest railroad merger cases considered by the STB and ICC from 1995 to the present as well as in the pending Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern construction case. He has represented clients in several recent STB rulemaking proceedings. He has briefed and argued cases before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, and District of Columbia Circuits as well as the Special Court, Regional Rail Reorganization Act. John Heffner has advised numerous clients in rail line acquisition and divestiture transactions.

Regarding arbitrations, Mr. Heffner has represented short line railroad clients in commercial proceedings conducted by the American Arbitration Association as well as technical proceedings held by the Association of American Railroads.

Mr. Heffner began his professional career in 1971 with the Interstate Commerce Commission's Office of Proceedings where he handled some of the first short line railroad acquisition transactions. In 1974 he joined the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Railway Association, the government agency which oversaw the reorganization of the seven bankrupt eastern railroads into Consolidated Rail Corporation. While at USRA, Mr. Heffner wrote portions of the light density line and passenger chapters of that agency's Final System Plan and participated in the property conveyance process.

John Heffner enjoys speaking and writing about railroad industry topics. His articles have appeared in Rail Business and The Legal Times, among other publications. John Heffner has spoken recently at conferences held by the State Conference on Rail Transportation and the International Right of Way Association.