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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 586, Arbitration

Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to the Board's notice, it is requested that I be listed on the rolls of arbitrators. I have had extensive experience in rail rate matters as well as broad litigation and judicial experience reflected in the enclosed.

If anything further is required, please advise.

Very truly yours,



James W. Lawson

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LAWSON MEDIATION SERVICES: 2001 - Arbitrator and Mediator

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 1999-2000 U.S. Department of Transportation - maintenance, safety, hazardous materials and security civil penalty cases; 1997-99 U.S. Department of Labor labor certification appeals; 1990-97 Social Security Administration - disability hearings

ATTORNEY: private law practice, Washington, D.C.

1972-90 - James W. Lawson, PC

1959-72 - Macleay, Lynch & Macdonald, and Macdonald & McInerny

- Administrative, civil and criminal cases, embracing domestic, medical malpractice, personal injury, disability, Federal employment, multi-party motor carrier and complex multi-party rail rate and rulemaking cases before the ICC, including Coal Rate Guidelines and Environmental Impact Statement, Rail Revenue Adequacy and Rail Cost of Capital. Chaired forum on ALJ conduct of hearings.

- Managed rail rate litigation 1976-89 involving *pendente lite* rate reduction savings of \$30 million realized, prospective refund of \$75 million and future rate savings of \$1 billion. Designed rail rate case theory; determined necessary evidence; selected, retained and presented qualified cost and economics expert witnesses and legal argument.

- Presented five 2-day seminars on Coal Transportation Contracts, Congressional testimony and talks on rail rate regulation. Consultant for \$4 billion insurance receivership, involving recovery, liability and RICO analysis leading to filing of \$3 billion claim.

BARS ADMITTED: 1955, D.C.; 1956, MO; 1968, U.S. Sup. Court; 1977, MD; also, D.C., 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th and Federal U.S. Cir. Cts. of Apps, U.S. Ct of Claims, and U.S. Ct of Military Appeals.

EDUCATION: Georgetown Univ. L.L.B., 1955; A.B. (Economics), 1952

MEDIATION TRAINING: 2001, 5 day Mediation Skills Workshop, Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers.

MILITARY: U.S. Navy Supply Corps, 1955-59 (Ltjg); Disbursing and Stores Officer on Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid CVA-11.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: American Bar Association - Sections of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, Dispute Resolution, Labor & Employment Law and Science & Technology; Judicial Division, National Conference of Administrative Law Judges; Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference; Transportation Lawyers Association; American Arbitration Association and Association for Conflict Resolution.