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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 646 – Rail Rate Challenges in Small Cases

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing in the above caption proceeding served by the Board on June 29, 2004, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) hereby submits its Notice of Intent to Participate at the public hearing. The AAR intends to present a panel of witnesses to address the issues. The panel will be comprised of:

Edward R. Hamberger, President & CEO
Association of American Railroads

Larry R. Parsons, Chairman & CEO
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company

William J. Rennie, Vice President
Mercer Management Consulting, Inc.

Craig F. Rockey, Vice President, Policy & Economics
Association of American Railroads

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The AAR requests a time allotment of 35 minutes for the above panel to present testimony at the public hearing. In accordance with the Board's Notice, the AAR will file with the Board each speaker's written testimony by July 16, 2004.

As required by the Board, ten copies of this AAR Notice of Intent to Participate are included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis P. Warchot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Louis P. Warchot
Counsel for the Association of American Railroads