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August 19, 2004

Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to the Board's order of August 3, 2004, enclosed please find an original and ten (10) copies of the Rail Labor Division of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO's Notice of Intent to participate in the hearing scheduled for August 30, 2004.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mitchell M. Kraus
General Counsel

cc: Mark Sidman



BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Ex Parte No. 647



**CLASS EXEMPTION FOR EXPEDITED ABANDONMENT PROCEDURE
FOR CLASS II AND CLASS III RAILROADS**

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
AT AUGUST 31, 2004 HEARING
RAIL LABOR DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT,
AFL-CIO
AND ITS AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

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Pursuant to the Board's order of August 3, 2004 notice is hereby given by the Rail Labor Division of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (RLD) and its affiliated organizations¹ of its intent to participate in the hearing on the above matter scheduled for August 30, 2004. The RLD is requesting 15 (fifteen) minutes to speak at the hearing. Mitchell Kraus will be speaking on behalf of the FLD and copies of his written testimony will be submitted no later than August 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell M. Kraus
General Counsel
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¹American Train Dispatchers Department; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; National Council of Firemen and Oilers SEIU; Sheet Metal Workers International Association; Transportation • Communications International Union; Transport Workers Union of America.

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Certification of Service

This is to certify that a copy of this Notice of Intent has been served by first class mail on
Mark H. Sidman this 19th date of August 2004.

Mitchell Kraus
Aug. 19, 2004