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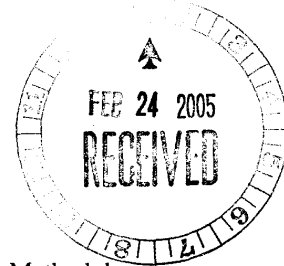
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February 24, 2005

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon L. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit: STB Ex Parte No. 657
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Ex Parte No. 657 – Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

Dear Mr. Williams:

As requested by the Surface Transportation Board's February 16, 2005 Notice regarding Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology (Ex Parte No. 657), we hereby notify the Board that Transportation Economics, Inc. (TEI) wishes to speak at the public hearing.

Representing TEI will be its two managing directors, Mazhar Ali Awan and William J. Brennan, and we are requesting a total of 25 minutes to present our concerns to the Board. Though the time requested is substantial, we feel that our intimate experience with the Stand-Alone Cost process and our insights and solutions to the problems currently manifested in the Board's procedures warrants such an allotment.

TEI will also file written testimony on or before March 18, 2005.

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding are an original and 10 copies of this request to participate. Also enclosed is one CD with an electronic copy of this request in Microsoft Word Format.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by stamping and returning a copy to our representative.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mazhar Ali Awan, Managing Director

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