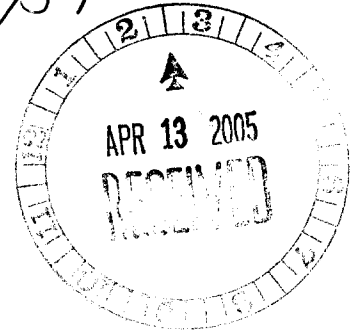


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On behalf of Edison Electric Institute ("EEI"), this to provide notice, as required by the Board's notice in this proceeding served February 16, 2005, that EEI intends to participate actively in this proceeding, including filing comments and participating at the April 26, 2005 hearing.

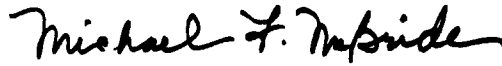
The Edison Electric Institute and its Alliance of Energy Suppliers (together, "EEI") are submitting these Comments pursuant to the Notice herein served by the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") on February 16, 2005 in the above-captioned proceeding. The Edison Electric Institute is the association of U.S. shareholder-owned electric companies and international affiliates and industry associates worldwide. The Alliance of Energy Suppliers represents investor-owned electric energy suppliers and marketers nationwide, including affiliate and independent power producers who also own generation facilities that provide electricity to wholesale markets regulated by the Commission.

Together EEI's U.S. members serve almost 95 percent of the ultimate customers in the shareholder-owned segment of the industry, and nearly 70 percent of all electric utility ultimate customers in the nation. They generate over 70 percent of the electricity generated by U.S. electric utilities. EEI's members include electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and service companies that operate in wholesale and retail markets throughout the country.

EEI's members are some of the largest customers of the Nation's railroads, and ship vast quantities of coal, as well as other materials, by rail. EEI's members require safe, secure, reliable and timely rail transportation at reasonable costs to provide electric service to the nation.

EEI intends to submit a written statement and to appear at the public hearing to be held herein. It hereby requests 20 minutes to present its position at the April 26, 2005 hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "B".

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