

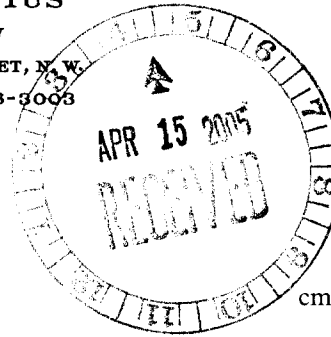
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Ex Parte No. 657, Rail Rate Challenges Under
the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the Notice of Intent to Participate of the Concerned Captive Coal Shippers, including American Electric Power Service Corporation, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, City Utilities of Springfield, Duke Energy Corporation, Intermountain Power Project, Lafayette Utilities System, Platte River Power Authority, Progress Energy, Inc., Reliant Energy, Inc., Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), and South Mississippi Electric Power Association.

We have enclosed an additional copy of the filing. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this copy and returning it with our messenger.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Loftus

Enclosures

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In response to the Board's Notice served February 16, 2005 and subsequent Decision served March 14, 2005 in the above-referenced proceeding, American Electric Power Service Corporation, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, City Utilities of Springfield, Duke Energy Corporation, Intermountain Power Project, Lafayette Utilities System, Platte River Power Authority, Progress Energy, Inc., Reliant Energy, Inc., Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), and South Mississippi Electric Power Association (collectively referred to as "Concerned Captive Coal Shippers") hereby submit their Notice of Intent to Participate in this proceeding.

Concerned Captive Coal Shippers respectfully request that they be allotted 10 minutes of time to speak at the Board's April 26, 2005 hearing, with this time to be divided between two representatives, who will be accompanied by the undersigned counsel for purposes of responding, as appropriate, to questions. These representatives are: S.M. DeBord, Vice President, Transportation & Combustion Services, American Electric Power, and Jason Frisbie, Division Manager, Power Production, for Platte River Power Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Concerned Captive Coal Shippers

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