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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub- No.1) – Major Issues in Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter please find the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") Notice of Intent to Participate. I have also enclosed a copy to be date stamped and returned to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact either myself or Nanette Edwards.

Sincerely,

/s/

C. Lessie Hammonds

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

EX PARTE No. 657 (Sub-No.1)

MAJOR ISSUES IN RAIL RATE CASES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff hereby files its Notice of Intent to Participate in the above-captioned matter and requests that counsel listed below be added to the service list as a Party of Record.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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