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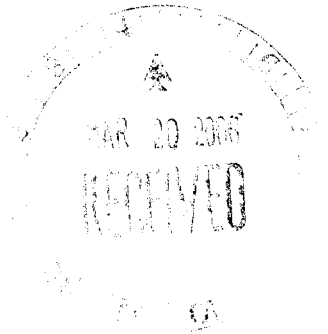
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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1), Major Issues In Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced proceeding please find a Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of the Western Coal Traffic League.

Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping the enclosed, extra copy of the Notice and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelvin J. Dowd
An Attorney for
Western Coal Traffic League

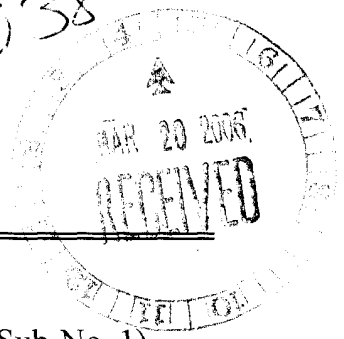
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MAJOR ISSUES IN RAIL RATE CASES

Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1)



NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Western Coal Traffic League ("WCTL"), by its undersigned counsel,

hereby serves notice of its intent to participate in the captioned proceeding, as the interests of its members may appear. A list of WCTL members is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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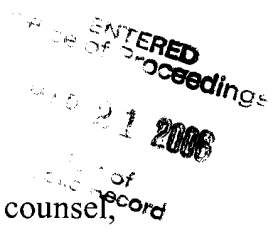


Exhibit No. 1

**MEMBERS OF
WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE**

Alliant Energy
Ameren Energy Fuels and Services
Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
Arizona Public Service
Associated Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
CLECO Corporation
City of Austin, Texas
CPS Energy
Kansas City Power & Light Company
Lower Colorado River Authority
MidAmerican Energy Company
Minnesota Power
Nebraska Public Power District
Omaha Public Power District
Texas Genco, LP
Texas Municipal Power Agency
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
Western Fuels Association, Inc.
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
Xcel Energy