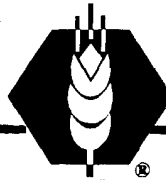


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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 661
1925 K Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Re: Ex Parte No. 661

The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), an organization of 900 agriculturally-based firms involved in grain merchandising, feed manufacturing, grain processing, warehousing, and all aspects of transporting bulk commodities by rail, barge and truck, submits this notice of intent to participate in the Ex Parte No. 661 proceedings scheduled for May 11, 2006.

As we have been involved in analyzing major carrier surcharges, and discussing alternative approaches with major carriers since 2004, we request a time allotment of fifteen (15) minutes to present information that we believe is relevant from an agricultural perspective for consideration by the STB.

We appreciate the STB conducting this hearing.

Sincerely yours,

Kendell Keith
President