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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

STB Ex Parte No. 661

RAIL FUEL SURCHARGES

The American Chemistry Council ("ACC") hereby requests 10 minutes to present its views on the manner in which fuel surcharges are calculated and charged by railroads. The Surface Transportation Board ("Board") has scheduled that hearing on for Thursday, May 11, 2006.

ACC represents the companies that make the products that make modern life possible, while working to protect the environment, public health, and the security of our nation. The member companies of ACC depend on the U.S. rail industry for the safe, secure and efficient transportation of approximately 170 million tons of products to each year, accounting for more than \$5 billion in annual railroad revenues.

While ACC currently expects that I will speak at the hearing on May 11, we will advise the Board if ACC designates someone else to participate in that hearing.

If you have any questions about ACC's request to participate in the hearing, please contact me at 703-741-5172 or tom_schick@americanchemistry.com.

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