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April 19, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

*Notice of Intent
to Participate*

Re: Ex Parte 661: Fuel Surcharges

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the notice released on March 14, 2006 by the STB on the holding of a hearing, scheduled for May 11, 2006, concerning the practice of fuel surcharges by railroad companies, Griffin Industries respectfully submits a notice of intent to participate in said hearing. We are requesting 10 minutes to present information on the impact this practice has had on our company. We additionally request that you recognize Mr. James L. Conway, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for our Company, as our designated speaker and representative at this hearing.

Griffin Industries is a privately held company dealing in an Agri-business industry. We have recently had as many as 500 rail cars in our fleet that is used to ship products from our 23 plants. Total rail billings in 2005 were in excess of \$5.3 million. Griffin would like to present information about how the significant increases in rail shipping, lead by fuel surcharges, are adversely affecting our business.

Any information you wish to communicate to us or questions you may have should be directed to Mr. Conway. He can be reached at 859-572-2582 or at jconway@griffinind.com.

We look forward to the opportunity to present our information to the Board on this very important subject.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Griffin
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President/CEO

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