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Washington, D.C. 20250

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 661
1925 K Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intent to participate in the Surface Transportation Board's Ex Parte No. 661: Rail Fuel Surcharges. Acting Under Secretary Chuck Lambert will submit written comments for USDA.

On behalf of USDA, please add the following name to the service list for this proceeding as a party of record: Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1098-South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-0264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles D. Lambert".

Chuck Lambert
Acting Under Secretary
Marketing and Regulatory Programs