



**American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association**

The Voice of America's Independent Railroads

July 6, 2006

Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Room 715
1925 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 575: Review of Rail Access and Competition Issues – Renewed
petition of the Western Coal Traffic League

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have been asked by J. Reilly McCarren, Co-Chairman of the Railroad Industry Working Group, to submit his formal notice of intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for July 27, 2006 in the above-referenced matter. Mr. McCarren requests 5 minutes for his testimony.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Borman
Vice President & General Counsel

cc: J. Reilly McCarren