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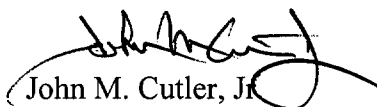
Re: Ex Parte No. 665
Rail Transportation of Grain

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to notify the Board that the Alliance for Rail Competition, also known as ARC, intends to participate in the hearing scheduled for November 2, 2006 in the above-referenced proceeding.

Testifying for ARC will be its Executive Director, Michael W. Snovitch, who will address grain shipper concerns about rail transportation. Mr. Snovitch requests 10 minutes of time at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Cutler, Jr.



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