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The Honorable Charles D. Nottingham
Chairman
The Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Nottingham:

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's decision in *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee*, STB Ex Parte No. 670, it is our pleasure to recommend Tom Zolnerowich to act as an electric utility representative on the inaugural Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

Formerly known as TXU Energy, Luminant is the largest deregulated power generation business in Texas. We consume a blend of locally mined lignite coal and Powder River Basin coal from Wyoming. In 2006, our coal consumption was approximately 33 million tons, which was transported in part by utilizing Luminant's 3,800-railcar fleet and numerous railroad transportation agreements.

As Manager of Rail Operations, Mr. Zolnerowich is an integral member of Luminant's Solid Fuel and Emissions Strategy Group. In this capacity, he has developed the capabilities, knowledge and experience to provide a significant contribution as a RETAC member:

- Twenty years of industry experience, which includes evaluating railroad performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure development and supply-chain coordination
- Extensive railroad transportation, coal production and railcar knowledge
- Solid relationships with the three western Class I railroads, all PRB producers and both domestic coal-car manufacturers
- Direct experience transforming from a regulated to a deregulated utility
- Active member of the National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA) as Luminant's representative and service on the NCTA's Logistics & Planning Committee, Rapid Response Team, and Forecasting Subcommittee
- Responsibilities that include PRB coal scheduling, railcar fleet management, railroad infrastructure optimization, liaison to railcar maintenance and providing operational expertise for railcar, coal and railroad transportation negotiations

In addition to Tom's willingness and ability to serve a two-year term as an RETAC member, he should be considered for a leadership role.

We ask that you accept our recommendation and give Mr. Zolnerowich's your highest consideration.

Best regards,

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