

TRANSPORTATION, ELEVATOR, AND GRAIN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this as a written notice of the Transportation, Elevator, and Grain Merchants Association's (TEGMA) intent to testify at the November 2, 2006, Surface Transportation Board hearing on rail transportation of grain.

TEGMA is a North American trade association that brings together railroads, global grain companies, shippers and receivers, ports, storage houses, inspection agencies and others involved in the shipment of grain from the farm to the customer all over the world. TEGMA's mix of membership provides it with a unique perspective on grain handling and transportation. TEGMA was founded in 1918 and was originally known as the Terminal Elevator Grain Merchants Association.

Proposed speaker Julia J. Kinnaird, president, TEGMA

Time requested: 5-10 minutes

Topics: Competition and captivity in the grain markets
 The relationship between grain rates and infrastructure demands