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**Re: STB Ex Parte No. 670, Establishment of the
Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee**

Dear Secretary Williams

Enclosed for filing in the above proceeding are the original and ten copies
of the written submission of CSX Transportation, Inc

Very truly yours,

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Dear Secretary Williams

CSX Transportation, Inc. fully endorses the Board's suggestion that it, the carriers, and the shipping public would benefit from a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. CSXT maintains an ongoing dialogue with our customers and others within the coal and electric utility industries, and we believe it could be very beneficial to expand that dialogue to the Board in a context that, while structured, would be open and constructive.

The Board has expressed an active interest in both coal and ethanol issues. At CSXT – and, we believe, at most railroads – different individuals and marketing groups are responsible for coal and ethanol transportation. Additionally, there is little overlap between the coal and ethanol producers and consumers. CSXT would suggest that the Board might alternate meeting agendas between the two commodities, so that coal issues would be discussed at one meeting and ethanol issues at another.

CSXT would welcome an opportunity to participate, and would likely be represented by a marketing official with deep subject matter expertise and direct responsibility for that commodity. One or more regional railroads with significant coal traffic would no doubt add to the dialogue. The short line perspective is always valuable. Major coal producers, representing a balance of western and eastern coal production, and a cross-section of electric utilities expressing an interest would, of course, be essential.

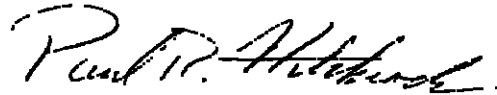
Since the focus would be on transportation, CSXT suggests a rough parity of participation between carriers, on the one hand, and users of rail transportation on the

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other. However, CSXT would be supportive of whatever mix of participants seems to the Board most likely to give it the information and perspective it seeks.

Again, CSXT fully supports the Board's suggestion and would welcome the opportunity to participate.

Very truly yours,

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Paul R. Hitchcock

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