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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 670
Establishment of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Sir:

American Electric Power (AEP) is pleased that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) intends to establish the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) under the Federal Advisory Act. The STB and the nation will benefit from candid discussions of the issues surrounding the transportation of energy resources, such as coal and ethanol. A balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders remains critical to the success of this board.

In response to your request for suggested candidates, AEP recommends Charles "Chuck" Zebula, Senior Vice President, Fuel, Emissions and Logistics of AEP, a position he has held since early 2004. Mr. Zebula earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering and a Masters degree in mineral processing from Penn State. He also earned a Masters degree in industrial administration from Carnegie Mellon. He understands the operational and economic issues surrounding rail transportation particularly as it effects the generation of electricity. His responsibilities span the purchase and transportation of fuel for AEP's power plants, as well as management of AEP's River Transportation Division. Mr. Zebula is willing to serve a two-year term as a member of the RETAC.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Hartsoe of my staff (202 383 3435) or me (202 383 3434).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Anthony P. Kavanagh