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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

August 7, 2007

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Recommendation for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams:

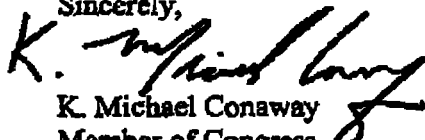
I am writing to support the nomination of Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to serve as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee to be established by the Surface Transportation Board.

LCRA operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. They provide wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives, providing electricity for more than 1 million people in Central Texas; including providing wholesale electricity to 11 cities and electric cooperatives in my Congressional District. I have been very impressed with their ability to provide affordable, reliable service to Central Texas customers.

A significant amount of LCRA's power is generated by coal. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project, which burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year, primarily with coal delivered by rail from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. As Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services at LCRA, Mr. Kuehn has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years. Given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, I believe he would be an excellent addition to the Committee.

Once again, I am pleased to recommend Dan Kuehn for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. Thank you for your consideration and please contact Jeff Burton in my Washington, DC office if you have any questions or if I can be of any service.

Sincerely,


K. Michael Conaway
Member of Congress