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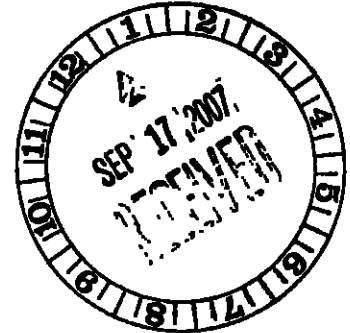
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 670,
Establishment of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Secretary Williams.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I write to support the nomination of C. Joseph Hopf, President of PPL EnergyPlus, LLC, to the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council (RETAC). Mr. Hopf's experience combined with PPL's lengthy involvement in rail energy regulatory issues make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Council.

Rail issues are of paramount concern to me and the citizens of my district. Energy delivery for consumers is essential and its success depends on reliable and reasonably priced rail transportation.

Mr. Hopf has more than 25 years experience in the electricity industry having worked previously for PSI Energy, Cinergy, and Ameren, and now at PPL EnergyPlus. In addition to his experience in electricity generation from coal-fired, rail-served generating stations, Mr. Hopf has experience in power marketing, having developed Goldman Sachs' 24-hour energy trading operation. His current responsibilities at PPL EnergyPlus include marketing power generated at PPL generating facilities across the U.S.

I believe the Surface Transportation Board would be well served by the selection of PPL EnergyPlus President C. Joseph Hopf as a RETAC member. Thank you for your time and consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Jason Altmire

cc C. Joseph Hopf, President