



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**
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**1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Vernon E. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Methodology to be Employed in Determining
the Railroad Industry's Cost of Capital
Ex parte No. 664

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Decision served October 24, 2007 in the above-referenced docket, the United States Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of its intention to participate in the public hearing in this proceeding. Clifford C. Eby, the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, will represent the United States Department of Transportation. I request a total of five minutes at the hearing on his behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Samuel Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PAUL SAMUEL SMITH

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