

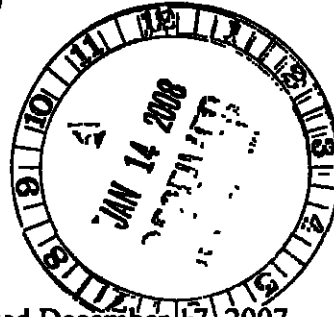
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423



Re ExParte 385 (Sub-No 6), Waybill Sample, decision served December 17, 2007

Dear Secretary Williams:

Freight Resources Network, LLC (FRN) hereby joins in the December 31 petition filed by the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL), requesting reconsideration of the Board's Clarification issued December 17, 2007 in the proceeding referenced above

1 In its notice announcing the May 11, 2006 public hearing to address the subject of railroad fuel surcharges the Board stated:

"(In this hearing,) shippers and railroads are asked to comment on whether and how (those) reporting requirements should be adjusted to provide rail customers with better information on a carrier's fuel costs and revenues collected through fuel surcharges." The Board went on to say, "Making this information publicly available should enable shippers to better identify and protect against inappropriate surcharges and to more reliably forecast their future transportation costs "

The ability of the Board and shippers to monitor this practice will be greatly enhanced by isolating fuel surcharges in a separate data field. To the contrary, lumping these charges in with the freight revenue column will not enhance monitoring of this railroad practice

2. BNSF's and CSXT's past practice of reporting them separately is a strong indication that separate reporting will not be a burden on the carriers.

3 We understand that there are unused columns available for separate reporting of fuel surcharges in both versions of the file, non-public and public

4 Separate reporting is consistent with the Board's finding that fuel surcharges represent a practice and are not rates, per se. Lumping surcharges together with revenues generated from the application of freight rates would be inconsistent with the Board's finding.

Respectfully submitted,

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