

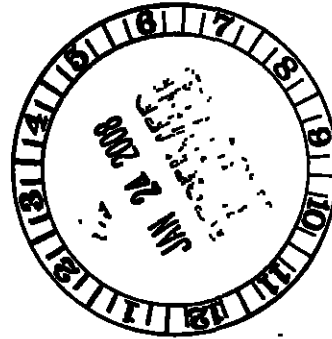
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Re. STB Ex Parte 665 Rail Transportation of Grain
1 Request for Reconsideration (one original plus 10 copies)
2 Proof of service to parties of record in the proceeding consisting of list of parties of record

Dear Ms Quinlan

Enclosed is my request for reconsideration of the STB decision in STB Ex Parte 665: Rail Transportation of Grain

Enclosed is my check for \$300 to pay the filing fee for my request for reconsideration

I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with a copy of my enclosed request for reconsideration. Enclosed for your reference and files is a copy of the 32 Service List entries in this proceeding to whom the request for reconsideration has been sent by United States mail

Sincerely,

Stephen J Thompson

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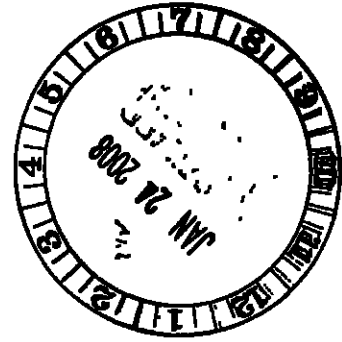
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Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



STB Ex Parte No 665
RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN
Decision Service Date January 14, 2008

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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I am Stephen J Thompson, a party of record to this proceeding I filed 3 written statements in this proceeding

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, as formulated specifically at 49 CRF 1115.3, I hereby request that the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) reconsider its decision in this proceeding on the grounds that the decision contains a material error by totally ignoring the substantive and constructive suggestions in my 3 filings that could result in a far less onerous burden on farmers who ship grain compared to what they currently experience

I covered many aspects of the subject of this proceeding in my 3 filings, and I made many specific suggestions for the Board's consideration. In particular, I discussed, and made specific suggestions, regarding paper barriers, joint use of terminals, and switching. I believe that modifications in current Board positions on these 3 topics could result in a far less onerous burden on farmers who ship grain by rail compared to what they currently experience.

That burden on grain shipments by rail would be decreased because my suggestions would lead to greater competition among railroads for grain traffic, and more price and service

options becoming available to grain shippers

As in many other parts of the economy, a reasonable level of competition among suppliers of goods and services generally is good for employees, investors and customers. I believe that a more reasonable level of competition among railroads for grain traffic would benefit rail employees, rail investors, and rail customers. A more reasonable level of competition among railroads than currently exists would lead to better business practices by railroads. Those better business practices would include more efficient utilization of plant, equipment, and employee talents, more efficient and prompt interchange of rail cars carrying grain between railroads, and better coordination of rail services among competing railroads in the interest of promoting rail traffic and rail profits.

As I stated in my filings, the Board has the authority, and I would argue, a civic duty, to make legislative proposals to the Congress. My substantive and constructive suggestions in my 3 filings in this proceeding address topics that are appropriate subjects for making legislative proposals to the Congress. The Interstate Commerce Commission, the agency that had jurisdiction over these matters before the creation of the Surface Transportation Board, regularly made legislative proposals to Congress. I am not aware of ANY legislative proposals made to the Congress by the Board.

I expended time and effort to research, write, and submit my 3 filings in this proceeding because I sensed on the part of all 3 Board Members a refreshing spirit of openness and objectivity regarding matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and I sensed eagerness by them to incorporate principles of good governance into Board decisions. I am filing this request for reconsideration of the Board's decision in this proceeding in the same spirit of optimism.

Enclosed with this request for reconsideration is my check in the amount of \$300 to pay the filing fee pursuant to the Schedule of Filing Fees that is contained in 49 CFR 1002.2(f) at line 61(ii).

I, Stephen J Thompson, declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. Executed on

January 24, 2008.

Stephen J Thompson
Signature of Stephen J Thompson

January 24 2008
Date signed

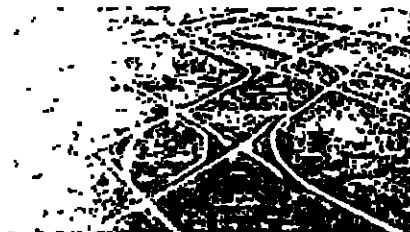
I, Stephen J Thompson, hereby certify that I have served all parties of record in this
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January 24 2008
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