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The Honorable Anne Quinlan
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RF Ex Parte 677 (Sub-No 1), *Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads - Transportation of Hazardous Materials*

Dear Secretary Quinlan

The Association of Transportation Law Professionals ("ATLP") is aware that a Petition for Reconsideration was filed June 20, 2008 by various associations in the above-noted proceeding. In that Petition, these parties request the Board to delay the date for the hearing in this case, which is currently scheduled for July 22 with written submissions due on July 8. The requested delay is to July 29, 2008 with written submissions due no earlier than July 15, or in the alternative, for the Board to set the date for written submissions no earlier than July 15, even if the date for the hearing on this matter continues to be set for July 22.

ATLP respectfully requests the Board to give serious consideration to that request. ATLP is, of course, the Board's bar association, and many members of ATLP practice before the Board. As the Board knows, ATLP's annual meeting is in Williamsburg, VA on June 29 to July 1. The date currently set for written submissions in this case, July 8, is adversely affecting attendance at that meeting, since a number of attendees will need to prepare written submissions before the July 4 holiday weekend under the current schedule. The request to extend the due date appears to ATLP to be reasonable, and to ATLP's knowledge has not been objected to by any party.

Sincerely,

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President
ATLP