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Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St, S W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 677 (Sub-No. 1) – Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads –
Transportation of Hazardous Materials

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

By decision served June 19, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") extended the dates for submission of written testimony and for the oral hearing in the above proceeding to July 8, 2008 and July 22, 2008 respectively. The extension was granted in response to petitions by parties including the American Chemistry Council, the Chlorine Institute, Edison Electric Institute, and the National Industrial Transportation League ("Petitioners").

On June 20, 2008, Petitioners sought reconsideration ("Petition for Reconsideration") of the Board's above referenced decision requesting an additional week for the scheduling of the oral hearing to July 29, 2008 and the filing of written testimony no earlier than July 15, 2008. Alternatively, Petitioners requested the Board to extend the due date for written comments to no earlier than July 15, 2008 even if the date for the hearing was not changed.

As Petitioners noted in their Petition for Reconsideration, the Association of American Railroads ("AAR"), in its June 13, 2008 filing in this proceeding in response to earlier requests for extensions of time, had no objection to an extension of time of the hearing date to July 30, 2008. At Petitioners' request, this letter is to confirm that the AAR, consistent with its prior position, would have no objection to the extensions of time requested by Petitioners in their Petition for Reconsideration if the Board wishes to consider accommodating such requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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