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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 677 (Sub. No. 1)
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intent to participate in the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) proceeding, Ex Parte No. 677 Sub. No. 1: Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads- Transportation of Hazardous Materials. With respect to this proceeding USDA intends to file written comments, but not provide oral testimony during the hearing. On behalf of USDA, please add the following name to the service list for this proceeding as a party of record: Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 1098-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0264

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Blanton". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Bruce Blanton
Director
Transportation Services Division