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**American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association**

The Voice of America's Independent Railroads

June 27, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Room 1149
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 677 (Sub-No. 1). COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION OF
RAILROADS – TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have been asked by Richard F. Timmons, President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, to submit his formal notice of intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for July 22, 2008 in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Timmons requests 10 minutes for his testimony, which will address the impact of the common carrier obligation to transport hazardous materials on America's Class II and Class III railroads.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Borman

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Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Richard F. Timmons