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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 672

RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF RESOURCES CRITICAL  
TO THE NATION'S ENERGY SUPPLY

Decided: June 27, 2007

The Board will hold a public hearing for members of the public to present their views on issues related to the efficiency and reliability of rail transportation of resources critical to the nation's energy supply on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, in the Ground Floor Conference Room of the Richard Bolling Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Board announced the hearing by notice served on June 6, 2007, and established due dates for persons wishing to speak at the hearing to advise the Board of their intent to participate and request a time allotment, and for submission of written testimony. Based on those submissions, the Board is issuing this decision to set the schedule of speakers for the hearing.

The schedule of appearances and the time provided for each party appear in the Appendix to this decision. The Board will have read the written submissions in advance of the hearing. Witnesses should not read their written submissions at the hearing, but instead should briefly summarize their key points.

If a party wishes to enhance its presentation by using projector-adaptable visual displays and/or handouts, it may do so. Such materials should be submitted to the Board in electronic form by July 13, 2007. Live audio/video streaming of the hearing will not be available.

Instructions for Attendance at Hearing

The Richard Bolling Federal Building is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All employees and visitors must present a valid form of photo identification and pass screening before being granted access into the building. Visitors will have access to public areas only.

There will be no reserved seating, except for witnesses. The building will be open to the public at 6:00 a.m. and participants are encouraged to arrive early. Parking is available in various locations in structured parking and on the street-level directly east of the building at 701 East 12th Street.

Quiet laptops and tape recorders may be brought into the hearing room, but no provision will be made for the connection of personal computers to telephone lines. Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the hearing room.

The Ground Floor Conference Room of the Richard Bolling Federal Building complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and persons needing such accommodations should call (202) 245-0245, or (202) 245-0352, by the close of business on July 13, 2007.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Time for the hearing is allotted as reflected in the Appendix to this decision.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

**APPENDIX****SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES****July 18, 2006**

<b><u>Party</u></b>	<b><u>Time Allotted</u></b>
<b>Panel I: Freight Railroads</b>	
BNSF Railway Company Kevin D. Kaufman & Stevan Bobb	10 minutes
Union Pacific Railroad Company Jack Koraleski	10 minutes
<b>Panel II: Freight Railroads</b>	
CSX Transportation, Inc. Christopher P. Jenkins & Timothy J. McNulty	10 minutes
Norfolk Southern Railway Company Danny D. Smith	10 minutes
Kansas City Southern Railway Company Daniel Avramovich	10 minutes
<b>Panel III: Coal Shippers and Utilities</b>	
Western Coal Traffic League Dave Laffere	10 minutes
Edison Electric Institute Charles W. Linderman	10 minutes
<b>Panel IV: Coal Shippers and Utilities</b>	
Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation Steve Sharp	10 minutes
Western Fuels Association, Inc. Duane L. Richards	10 minutes

Dairyland Power Cooperative  
Dennis Rackers 10 minutes

Entergy Services, Inc.  
Jeffrey G. Herndon 10 minutes

**Panel V: Other Interests**

Ethanex Energy, Inc.  
Randall Rahm 10 minutes

T.W. Blasingame Company, Inc.  
Thomas W. Blasingame 10 minutes