

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 665

RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN

Decided: October 27, 2006

The Board will hold a public hearing to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views on the subject of transportation of grain by rail. The public hearing will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the 7th floor hearing room at the Board's headquarters in the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Board announced the hearing by notice served on October 11, 2006, 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 and other written comments. Based on those submissions, the Board is issuing this decision to set the schedule of speakers for the hearing. Written testimony and written comments are due on October 30, 2006.

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. Staff will be available to demonstrate the hearing room's projection system on October 31, 2006, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please call (202) 565-1500, or (202) 565-1653, to make arrangements.

Instructions for Attendance at Hearing

The Board requests that all persons attending the hearing use the Mercury Building's main entrance at 1925 K Street (on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th and K Streets). There will be no reserved seating. Please plan to arrive early enough to be seated no later than 9:45 a.m. For security reasons, all persons should be prepared to produce photo identification (such as a driver's license), pass through a metal detector, and submit to an inspection of all briefcases, handbags, and any other bags. Visitors must be cleared through security in the Board's Suite 100 (on the 1st Floor, at the top of the ramp to the left of the main lobby) prior to being escorted to the hearing room.

Quiet laptops and tape recorders may be brought into the hearing room, but absolutely no provision will be made for the connection of personal computers to Board telephone lines. Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the hearing room, or in the rear anteroom. Cellular phones may only be used outside the hearing room.

The Board's hearing room complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and persons needing such accommodations should call (202) 565-1500, or (202) 565-1653, by the close of business on October 30, 2006.

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

November 2, 2006

<u>Party</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>
Panel I:	
United States Department of Agriculture The Honorable Bruce I. Knight, Under Secretary Marketing and Regulatory Programs	10 minutes
Panel II A: Shippers/Trade Associations	
National Grain & Feed Association Kendell W. Keith and/or Dan Mack Andrew P. Goldstein (Legal Counsel)	15 minutes
Wheat & Barley Commissions Terry C. Whiteside	15 minutes
National Barley Growers Association Evan Hayes	10 minutes
U.S. Dry Bean Council Steve Brown	10 minutes
National Association of Wheat Growers Dale Schuler	10 minutes
Panel II B: Shippers/Trade Associations	
Alliance for Rail Competition Michael W. Snovitch	10 minutes
Ag Processing Inc. Terry J. Voss	5 minutes
Bunge North America Darrell R. Wallace	5 minutes

The Scoular Company
Randal I. Linville

5 minutes

Panel III:

Government Accountability Office
JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director
Physical Infrastructure Issues

15 minutes

Panel IV: Labor

United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment
Gordon P. MacDougal

3 minutes

Panel V: Railroads

BNSF Railway Company
Kevin D. Kaufman

15 minutes

Canadian National Railway Company
Jean-Jacques Ruest

10 minutes

Canadian Pacific Railway Company
Judy Harrower

10 minutes

Union Pacific Railroad Company
Douglas Martin

10 minutes