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RE: Terms Lengths for Initial Members of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. O'Boyle:

Per the charter creating the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC), the PRAC will be composed of 18 voting members and, “of the [voting] members first appointed, approximately half shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, as designated by the Chair of the Board at the time of appointment.” See PRAC Charter art. 12.a.vii. I hereby designate the term lengths for the initial PRAC members as follows:

Three-year terms:

- One representative from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak);
- One representative from a commuter rail operator whose operations use facilities owned and/or utilized by (i) Amtrak, (ii) other intercity passenger rail operators, or (iii) rail freight operators;
- One representative from an existing intercity passenger rail operator other than Amtrak, or developers of new intercity passenger rail lines other than Amtrak;
- The representative from a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail;
- One representative from a Class I freight railroad;
- The representative from a Class II or Class III freight railroad;
- The representative from an organized rail labor association;

- One representative from a rail passenger advocacy organization; and
- One at-large representative with relevant experience (including, but not limited to, individuals involved in the design or construction of passenger rail equipment or infrastructure, in the provision of passenger rail analytic or consulting services, in transportation planning, or in transportation-related public policy work).

Two-year terms:

- One representative from Amtrak;
- One representative from a commuter rail operator whose operations use facilities owned and/or utilized by (i) Amtrak, (ii) other intercity passenger rail operators, or (iii) rail freight operators;
- One representative from an existing intercity passenger rail operator other than Amtrak, or developers of new intercity passenger rail lines other than Amtrak;
- The representative from a state in which the intercity passenger rail stations are served only by long-distance trains, i.e., passenger trains serving the entirety of routes of more than 750 miles between endpoints;
- One representative from a Class I freight railroad;
- One representative from a rail passenger advocacy organization;
- The representative from a rail shipper or customer advocacy organization or an individual shipper or customer; and
- Two at-large representatives with relevant experience (including, but not limited to, individuals involved in the design or construction of passenger rail equipment or infrastructure, in the provision of passenger rail analytic or consulting services, in transportation planning, or in transportation-related public policy work).

Sincerely,



Martin J. Oberman
Chairman

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