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PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PROVIDES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES, ATTENDANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR APRIL 19 ORAL ARGUMENT IN "NEW ENGLAND TRANSRAIL" CASE

The Surface Transportation Board today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances, their time allocations, and attendance instructions for the STB's April 19, 2007 oral argument in the proceeding entitled *New England Transrail*, *LLC d/b/a Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway--Construction*, *Acquisition and Operation Exemption--in Wilmington and Woburn*, *MA*, STB Finance Docket No. 34797.

The Thursday, April 19 oral argument will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the STB's hearing room on the 1st Floor of the agency's headquarters at Patriots Plaza, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Please note that this is a new start time.

The STB announced the April 19 oral argument in FD 34797 in a decision issued to the public on March 29, 2007. That decision established due dates for those parties of record wishing to speak at the argument to advise the agency of their intent to participate and to request a time allotment, and for the submission of written testimony. Based on submissions received, the STB has set the hearing's schedule of speakers as shown on the Attachment to this news release.

Attendance instructions. The STB requests that all persons attending the oral argument use the Patriots Plaza Building's main entrance at 395 E Street, S.W. (closest to the northeast corner of the intersection of 4th and E Streets). There will be no reserved seating, except for witnesses. The hearing room will be open to the public at 8:30 a.m. There is no visitor parking in the building. Upon arrival, check in at the 1st Floor security desk in the main lobby. Be prepared to produce valid photographic identification (driver's license or local, state, or federal-government identification); sign-in at the security desk; receive a hearing-room pass (to be displayed at all times); submit to an inspection of all briefcases, handbags, etc.; then pass through a metal detector. Upon entering the hearing room, witnesses should check in with the Board Secretary. Persons choosing to exit the building during the course of the argument will be subject to the above security procedures if they choose to re-enter the building. Hearing-room passes will be collected from those exiting the argument.

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 agency telephone lines. Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the hearing room; cell phones may be used quietly in the corridor surrounding the hearing room, or in the building's main lobby.

The STB's hearing room complies with the *Americans With Disabilities Act*, and persons needing such accommodations should telephone (202) 245-0245, or (202) 245-0352, by the close of business on **April 17**, 2007.

If a party wishes to enhance its presentation by using projector-adaptable visual displays and/or handouts, it may do so. Agency staff will be available to demonstrate the hearing room's projection system on **April 18, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Please telephone **(202) 245-0245**, or **(202) 245-0352**, to make arrangements.

The schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided in a <u>Decision</u> issued today, April 12, 2007 in New England Transrail, LLC d/b/a Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway--Construction, Acquisition and Operation Exemption--in Wilmington and Woburn, MA, STB Finance Docket No. 34797. That schedule is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov. A printed copy of the STB's decision also is available by contacting ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004, or via asapdc@verizon.net.

A video broadcast of the oral argument will be accessible via the STB's Web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov, under "Information Center" / "Webcast" / "Live Video" on the home page.

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ATTACHMENT

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Surface Transportation Board Oral Argument NEW ENGLAND TRANSRAIL, LLC d/b/a WILMINGTON & WOBURN TERMINAL RAILWAY --CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND OPERATIONS EXEMPTION --IN WILMINGTON AND WOBURN, MA STB Finance Docket No. 34797 April 19, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Party / Time Allotted

Panel I:

New England Transrail, LLC (NET) - Opening statement / 45 minutes (NET may allocate its 45 minutes of time between opening and closing statements.) New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation / 20 minutes Frank DeMasi / 5 minutes

Panel II:

Massachusetts Representative James R. Miceli / 10 minutes

Panel III:

Massachusetts Office of Attorney General / 15 minutes Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection / 15 minutes New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (jointly) / 20 minutes

Panel IV:

Coalition Parties: / 30 minutes

National Solid Wastes Management Association; Solid Waste Association of North America; Massachusetts Municipal Association; Construction Materials Recycling Association; Integrated Waste Services Association; and New Bedford Waste Services, LLC

Panel V:

Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts / 15 minutes Susan Cleaver / 5 minutes Raritan Baykeeper, Inc., and Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. (jointly) / 10 minutes

Panel VI:

John D. Fitzgerald on behalf of United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment / 3 minutes

Panel VII:

NET - Closing statement (NET may allocate its 45 minutes of time between opening and closing statements.)