

**REMINDER: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO HOLD HEARING ON PETITION
TO ADOPT REVISED COMPETITIVE SWITCHING RULES**

The Surface Transportation Board announced today that it will hold an October 22, 2013 public hearing to explore issues surrounding The National Industrial Transportation League's (NITL) petition to modify the Board's standards for mandatory competitive switching.

NITL proposes that certain captive shippers located in terminal areas be granted access to a competing railroad, if there is a working interchange within a reasonable distance (30 miles, under NITL's proposal). The Board has received numerous comments in response to NITL's proposal, and has scheduled the hearing to explore further the issues raised in this proceeding.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., in the Board's Hearing Room at the agency's headquarters located at 395 E Street, S.W. in Washington, D.C. Parties wishing to participate must file a notice of intent to participate (identifying the party, proposed speaker, and speaking time requested) no later than September 23, 2013.

The Board's notice announcing the hearing in [Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Revised Competitive Switching Rules, EP 711](#), may be viewed and downloaded at the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under "E-LIBRARY / Decisions & Notices / 08/13/13".

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