

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ANNOUNCES MEDIATED SETTLEMENT IN
SMALL RAIL RATE-COMPLAINT CASE**

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Charles D. Nottingham announced today that a mediated settlement has been reached in a case filed under the Board's small rate-complaint procedures. As a result, the shipper has requested that its complaint be dismissed.

In announcing the settlement, Chairman Nottingham said:

"This settlement demonstrates that the STB can help resolve rail rate disputes in a matter of weeks--not months and years--and at a reasonable cost to the parties. I commend the parties and the STB staff mediators for their efforts to quickly resolve this matter. The STB will continue to promote mediation as an alternative to more formal and expensive dispute resolution."

The letter requesting dismissal of the case is available for viewing and downloading on the Board's website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. It was filed in the complaint case entitled *Williams Olefins, LLC v. Grand Trunk Corporation*, STB Docket No. 42098, and may be accessed by [clicking this link](#):

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