Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Provides Schedule of Appearances & New Starting Time for April 26 Public Hearing on Challenges to Railroad Rates Under the "Stand-Alone Cost" Methodology

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Roger Nober today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the STB's **April 26, 2005** public hearing concerning the recently initiated proceeding entitled *Rail Rate Challenges Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology*, STB Ex Parte No. 657.

The public hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, in Room 760, the STB's hearing room, on the 7th Floor of the agency's headquarters in the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided in a <u>decision issued to the public today</u>, <u>April 22, 2005</u>. That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at <u>http://www.stb.dot.gov</u>. A printed copy of the decision also is available for a fee by contacting **ASAP Document Solutions**, **9332 Annapolis Rd.**, **Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004**, or via <u>asapdc@verizon.net</u>. The list of speakers is attached.

A live broadcast of the hearing will be accessible via the STB's agency's Web site at <u>http://www.stb.dot.gov.</u>, under "**Information Center**"/"**Webcast**"/"**Live Audio**" on the home page.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING Rail Rate Challenges Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology, STB Ex Parte No. 657

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES (Party /Speaker/Time Allotted)

Panel I: Government Entities

U.S. Department of Transportation Speaker: Paul Samuel Smith (5 minutes)

Panel II: Shippers Edison Electric Institute Speaker: Michael F. McBride (10 minutes)

The National Industrial Transportation League Speakers: John Ficker, Nicholas DiMichael (10 minutes)

Concerned Captive Coal Shippers Speakers: Jason Frisbie, S.M. DeBord (10 minutes)

Western Coal Traffic League Speakers: Mark W. Schwirtz, David L. Laffere, Kelvin J. Dowd (10 minutes)

Panel III: Railroads

CSX Transportation Inc. & Norfolk Southern Railway Company Speaker: G. Paul Moates (10 minutes)

BNSF Railway Company Speakers: John P. Lanigan, Joseph P. Kalt, Samuel M. Sipe (10 minutes)

Union Pacific Railroad Company Speaker: Louise A. Rinn (10 minutes)

Panel IV: Other Interested Parties

Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc. Speaker: Thomas O'Connor (5 minutes)

Michael A. Nelson Consulting Speaker: Michael A. Nelson (5 minutes)

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