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Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Provides Schedule of Appearances, Time Allocations for Public & Media Attendance at October 27 Oral Argument Re Regional Motor-Carrier Rate Bureau's Request for Nationwide Collective Ratemaking Authority

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Roger Nober today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the STB's **October 27**, **2004** oral argument concerning whether the STB should grant nationwide collective ratemaking authority to the Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc., which currently operates on a regional basis, in the case entitled *Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc.*, STB Section 5m Application No. 46 (Sub-No. 20).

The oral argument will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, 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 STB officially announced the oral argument in STB Section 5m Application No. 46 (Sub-No. 20) in a decision issued to the public on October 1, 2004. The schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations, as published today, October 22, 2004, in this case is attached. That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov. A printed copy of the Board's 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 asapdc@verizon.net. A fact sheet is attached.

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

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ORAL ARGUMENT Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc. STB Section 5m Application No. 46 (Sub-No. 20)

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES
Party / Speaker / Time Allotted

PANEL I

Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc. (SMCRC) Speaker: John R. Bagileo

30 minutes

(Note: SMCRC may reserve part

of its time for rebuttal)

PANEL II

U.S. Department of Transportation

Speaker: Paul Samuel Smith

10 minutes

PANEL III

Rocky Mountain Tariff Bureau, Inc., and EC-MAC Motor Carriers Service Association, Inc.

Speaker: David H. Coburn

10 minutes

National Small Shipments Traffic Conference, Inc.

Speaker: John M. Cutler, Jr.

10 minutes

National Industrial Transportation League

Speaker: Jeffrey O. Moreno 10 minutes

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