

PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PROVIDES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES FOR JULY 27 PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWED PETITION OF WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE REGARDING RAILROAD SALE OR LEASE AGREEMENTS & "PAPER BARRIERS"

The Surface Transportation Board today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the STB's **July 27, 2006** public hearing in the proceeding entitled *Review of Rail Access and Competition Issues--Renewed Petition of The Western Coal Traffic League*, STB Ex Parte No. 575.

The **Thursday, July 27**, hearing will begin at **10:00 a.m.** 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 announced the public hearing in STB Ex Parte No. 575 in a decision issued to the public on June 2, 2006. That decision established due dates for those wishing to speak at the hearing to advise the agency of their intent to participate, to request a time allotment, and to submit summaries of the 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.

The Western Coal Traffic League (WCTL) has requested that the STB adopt rules limiting the extent to which agreements for the sale or lease of railroad lines, by larger railroads to existing or newly created short line railroads, may contain "paper barriers" restricting the incentive or ability of a purchaser or tenant to interchange traffic with connecting railroads that could compete with the seller or landlord railroad. The purpose of this hearing is further to explore this topic, to give the STB Members the opportunity to ask questions, and to provide a forum for the expression of views by rail shippers, railroads, and other interested persons, on WCTL's renewed petition.

Attendance instructions. The STB requests that all persons attending the hearing use the Mercury Building's main entrance at 1925 K Street (on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th and K Streets). There will be no reserved seating. Please plan to arrive early enough to be seated no later than **9:45 a.m.** For security reasons, all persons should be prepared to produce **photo identification** (such as a driver's license), pass through a **metal detector**, and submit to an inspection of all briefcases, handbags, and any other bags. Visitors must be cleared through security in the STB's Suite 100 (on the 1st Floor, at the top of the ramp to the left of the main lobby). Prior to being escorted to the hearing room, each visitor will have made for him a photo-identification pass necessary for hearing-room entry.

Quiet laptops and tape recorders may be brought into the hearing room, but absolutely 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, or in the rear anteroom; cell phones may be used only outside the hearing room. The STB's hearing room complies with the *Americans With Disabilities Act*, and persons needing such accommodations should telephone **Beverly Ledbetter**, in the STB's Office of Proceedings, at **(202) 565-1653**, or **Betty Uzzle** at **(202) 565-1500**, by the close of business on **July 20, 2006**.

As the STB Members will have read written submissions in advance of the hearing, speakers should not read those submissions at the hearing but, instead, briefly summarize key points.

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 **July 26, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Please telephone **(202) 565-1653**, or **(202) 565-1500**, to make arrangements.

The schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided in a decision issued to the public yesterday, July 17, 2006, in STB Ex Parte No. 575. 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 video broadcast of the hearing 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

Surface Transportation Board Public Hearing

REVIEW OF RAIL ACCESS AND COMPETITION ISSUES--RENEWED PETITION OF THE WESTERN COAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE, STB Ex Parte No. 575

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

Party / Speaker / Time Allotted

Panel I

Western Coal Traffic League
David Laffere / Andrew B. Kolesar III / 10 minutes

Alliance for Rail Competition
Michael E. Grisso / 10 minutes

American Chemistry Council
Thomas E. Schick / 10 minutes

Edison Electric Institute
Michael F. McBride / 5 minutes

National Grain and Feed Ass'n
Andrew P. Goldstein / 5 minutes

Panel II

Association of American Railroads
Louis P. Warchot / 10 minutes

American Short Line and Regional R.R. Ass'n
Keith T. Borman / 5 minutes

Railroad Industry Working Group
J. Reilly McCarren / 5 minutes

Union Pacific Railroad Company
John T. Gray / 5 minutes

Panel III

Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Co.
Sandra Brown / 10 minutes

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.
Steve Sharp / 10 minutes

Dow Chemical Co.
Jeff Baker / Mike Munro / 10 minutes

Entergy Services and Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
Jeffrey G. Herndon / 10 minutes

Panel IV

Columbus & Greenville R. Co.
Roger Bell / 5 minutes

Genesee & Wyoming, Inc., and Farmrail System, Inc.
Charles N. Marshall / 5 minutes

Oil Creek & Titusville Lines, Inc.
Robert Dingman / 5 minutes

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern R. Co.
Wayne A. Michel / 5 minutes

Watco Companies, Inc.
Rich Webb / 5 minutes

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company
Larry Parsons / 5 minutes

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