Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Provides Schedule of Appearances & Time Allocations, Instructions for Public & Media Attendance, at July 31 Public Hearing on Proposed "KCS-Tex Mex" Railroad Merger

Surface Transportation Board (Board) Chairman Roger Nober today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and respective time allocations, and instructions for public and media attendance, at the Board's **July 31, 2003** public hearing concerning the proposed "KCS-TexMex" railroad merger.

The Board will hold the July 31 public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., rather than 10:00 a.m., EDT in the Board's hearing room on the 7th Floor of the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W. (on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th & K Sts.), Washington, D.C.

MATTER AT ISSUE:

The Board is holding the July 31 public hearing regarding the case entitled *Kansas City Southern--Control--The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and The Texas Mexican Railway Company,* STB Finance Docket No. 34342, to provide a forum for shippers, railroads, and other interested persons to express their views on the matters at issue in this proposed rail merger.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA ATTENDANCE:

• There will be no reserved seating. Given the following procedures, please plan to arrive early enough to be seated no later than 8:45 a.m.

• Please enter the Mercury Building's main entrance at 1925 K Street (on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th and K Sts.). All visitors must be cleared through security in the Board'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.

• For security reasons, 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, etc.

• 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 Board telephone lines.

• Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the hearing room, or in the rear anteroom. Cellular phones may only be used outside the hearing room.

• The Board's hearing room complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and persons needing such accommodation should contact Beverly Ledbetter, in the Board's Section of Facilities Management, at (202) 565-1709, by the close of business on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

A schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations (subject to slight change as the situation warrants) is attached. As the Board will be familiar with the written submissions filed previously, the Board requests that speakers not orally present those submissions verbatim during the hearing but, rather, briefly summarize the submissions, augment their content as seen fit, and be prepared to answer questions from the bench.

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Kansas City Southern--Control--The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and The Texas Mexican Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 34342

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES (Appearances / Time allotted)

APPLICANT'S OPENING SPEAKER

Kansas City Southern Speaker: Michael R. Haverty / 10 minutes

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTY

U.S. Department of Agriculture Speaker: Bill Hawks / 5 minutes

PANEL: CLASS I RAILROADS

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. Speaker: Richard E. Weicher / 5 minutes

Canadian National Railway Company Speaker: Paul A. Cunningham / 5 minutes

Union Pacific Railroad Company Speaker: J. Michael Hemmer / 8 minutes

PANEL: TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

J. B. Hunt Transport, Inc. Speaker: Paul R. Bergant / 10 minutes

Pacer International, Inc. Speaker: John Orrison / 10 minutes

Watco Companies, Inc. Speaker: Rick Webb / 10 minutes

PANEL: PORT & MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Port of Houston Authority Speaker: Richard J. Schiefelbein / 5 minutes

Triangle Marine Industrial Park Speaker: Edward P. deZevallos / 5 minutes

PANEL: SHIPPER PARTIES

Bartlett and Company Speaker: William J. Fellows / 10 minutes

Beachner Grain, Inc. Speaker: Gary A. Beachner / 10 minutes

E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Speaker: (To be determined) / 10 minutes Martin Product Sales LLC Speaker: Albert S. Foley / 10 minutes

Mead Westvaco Corporation Speaker: Chris Osen / 10 minutes

RAIL LABOR PARTY

Transportation•Communications International Union Speaker: Christopher Tully / 10 minutes

APPLICANT'S CLOSING SPEAKER

Kansas City Southern Speaker: Gerald K. Davies / 10 minutes

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