

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ANNOUNCES SWEARING IN OF CHAIRMAN LINDA J. MORGAN**

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) announced today that on December 1, 1999, Board Chairman Linda J. Morgan was officially sworn in as a Member of the Board for a second term expiring December 31, 2003. Chairman Morgan's swearing in follows her renomination by President Clinton on August 6, 1999, to be a Member of the Board, and her confirmation by the United States Senate on November 10, 1999, by a vote of 96 to 3.

Before an all-employee meeting, the oath of office was administered to Chairman Morgan in the presence of three notaries public from the Board's staff. In remarks after her swearing in, Chairman Morgan praised Vice Chairman William Clyburn and Commissioner Wayne Burkes for their commitment and spirit of collegiality and cooperation. She also praised the Board's staff for its dedication and professionalism, and the high quality of its work. She acknowledged the Board's exemplary service to shippers, carriers, employees and others in the transportation sector and, by extension, its important service on behalf of the American public. She noted that, because of her high regard for the Board's staff, she thought it most appropriate to be sworn in by and in the presence of staff members. The Chairman also stated that she was honored by her renomination and confirmation, and that she looked forward to continuing to address the pressing issues facing the transportation industry.

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