

SPEAKERS' SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 22 HEARING ON BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY ACQUISITION OF BNSF

The Surface Transportation Board today announced a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the Board's [March 22, 2012 public hearing](#) to explore the impact of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.'s (Berkshire) acquisition of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) on certain costing determinations. Berkshire paid \$43 billion for the 2010 acquisition of BNSF. The Board will look at the effect of this price on its annual Uniform Rail Costing System and revenue-adequacy findings for BNSF.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room on the 1st floor of the agency's headquarters at Patriots Plaza I, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The hearing will be webcast on the agency's website, www.stb.dot.gov.

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES / TIME ALLOTTED

Panel I: Members of Congress

The Honorable Al Franken (tentative) / as needed

Panel II: Shipper Interests

Western Coal Traffic League, et al.: Thomas D. Crowley, John W. Wilson, John H. LeSeur / 45 minutes

Panel III: Shipper Interests

Alliance For Rail Competition, et al.: Terry C. Whiteside, John M. Cutler, Jr. / 10 mins.

Consumers United for Rail Equity: Michael F. McBride / 10 mins.

National Association of Wheat Growers: Wayne O. Hurst / 5 mins.

Panel IV: Freight Railroads

BNSF Railway Company: Thomas N. Hund, Richard E. Weicher, Robert M. Jenkins III, Roman L. Weil, Kevin Neels, Michael R. Baranowski / 60 mins.

Panel V: Railroad Interests

Association of American Railroads: John T. Gray / 10 mins.

Panel VI: Rebuttal

Western Coal Traffic League, et al.: (to be determined) / 15 mins.

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