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Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Provides Schedule of Appearances, Time Allocations for Public & Media Attendance at July 7 Oral Argument Concerning "TTX Flatcar Pooling" Application

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Roger Nober today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the STB's **July 7, 2004** oral argument concerning the case entitled *TTX Company, et al.--Application for Approval of Pooling Car Service with Respect to Flatcars*, STB Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No. 3).

The STB will hold the oral argument at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2004, in Room 760, the agency'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 schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations as published in the Board's order is attached. The STB provided the schedule of speakers in its <u>July 1, 2004 decision in STB Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No. 3)</u>. 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 (301) 577-2600, or via asapmd@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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SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

The schedule of speakers' appearances are as follows:

Party:Speaker [/] Time Allotted

Panel I

TTX Company) David I. Mayer (Covington & Burling)

TTX Company), David L. Meyer (Covington & Burling) / 45 minutes

Note: TTX will open, and may reserve part of

its time for rebuttal. TTX may

be joined by a representative of one of TTX's

participant railroads.

Panel II

U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and

Distribution Command: George Gounley / 20 minutes

Panel III

First Union Rail Corporation, David J. Joseph Co., and Bombardier Capital Rail Inc.: J.J. Thomas (President, First Union Rail Corporation) / 20 minutes CIT Rail Resources and General Electric Railcar Services Corporation: George W. Mayo, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson LLP) / 20 minutes

GATX Rail: Terry Heidkamp (Executive Vice President, GATX Rail) / 5 minutes

MATTER AT ISSUE:

On January 6, 2004, the TTX Company ("TTX") and certain participating railroads filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board to extend for 15 years TTX's railroad flatcar pooling authority, which the STB's predecessor, the former Interstate Commerce Commission ("ICC"), had originally granted in 1974, extended in 1989, and extended again in 1994. Unless further extended, TTX's current pooling authority under the ICC's 1994 order is due to expire on October 1, 2004. The July 7 oral argument will allow the parties involved in this case to present their positions and to respond to agency questions in a public forum.

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