

PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO HOLD APRIL 24 HEARING ON RAILROADS' COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) today announced that it will hold a public hearing on **April 24, 2008**, on the subject of the common carrier obligation of railroads--the duty of railroads to provide transportation or service on reasonable request. The hearing will seek to highlight the importance of the common carrier obligation, provide a better understanding of it, and assist the agency in its monitoring and compliance work.

The **Thursday, April 24, 2008**, hearing will begin at **9:00 a.m.** in the Board's **Hearing Room** on the **1st Floor** of the agency's headquarters at **Patriots Plaza, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.** Notices of intent to participate are due no later than **March 25, 2008**. Written testimony of speakers at the hearing, as well as written submissions by interested persons who do not wish to appear at the hearing, will be due by **April 17, 2008**.

The Board's [notice in STB Ex Parte No. 677 announcing the April 24 hearing was issued to the public today, February 22, 2008](#). The notice will be published in the *Federal Register* and is available for viewing and downloading on the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> under "E-Library," then under "Decisions & Notices," beneath the date "2/22/08." A printed copy of the agency's notice also is available by contacting **ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004**, or via asapdc@verizon.net.

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