

**PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PROVIDES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES FOR MAY 11 PUBLIC HEARING ON FUEL SURCHARGES COLLECTED BY RAILROADS**

The Surface Transportation Board today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the STB's **May 11, 2006** public hearing in the proceeding entitled *Rail Fuel Surcharges*, STB Ex Parte No. 661.

The **Thursday, May 11**, hearing will be held in **Room 760**, the STB'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 morning session will begin at **9:00 a.m.** The afternoon session will begin at **1:00 p.m.**

The STB announced the public hearing in STB Ex Parte No. 661 in a decision issued to the public on March 14, 2006. That decision established due dates for those wishing to speak at the hearing to advise the agency of their intent to participate, to request a time allotment, and to submit written testimony. Based on submissions received, the STB has set the hearing's schedule of speakers as shown on the Attachment to this news release.

The agency is holding the hearing to provide a forum for the expression of views by rail shippers, railroads, and other interested persons, on the manner in which fuel surcharges are calculated and charged by railroads. The cost of fuel is a significant component of the operating costs of providing rail service, and railroads can reasonably be expected to devise methods to collect increases in those costs from their shippers. However, the rail shipper community has voiced concerns that recent fuel surcharges collected by railroads are designed to recover amounts over and above increased fuel costs.

**Attendance instructions.** The STB requests that all persons attending the hearing use the Mercury Building's main entrance at 1925 K Street (on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th and K Streets). There will be no reserved seating. Please plan to arrive early enough to be seated no later than **8:45 a.m. for the morning session**, and no later than **12:45 p.m. for the afternoon session**. For security reasons, all persons should 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, and any other bags. Visitors must be cleared through security in the STB'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. 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 agency telephone lines. Cellular telephone use is not permitted in the hearing room, or in the rear anteroom; cell phones may be used only outside the hearing room. The STB's hearing room complies with the *Americans With Disabilities Act*, and persons needing such accommodations should telephone **Beverly Ledbetter**, in the STB's Office of Proceedings, at **(202) 565-1664**, by the close of business on **May 4, 2006**.

As the STB Members will have read written submissions in advance of the hearing, speakers should not read those submissions at the hearing but, instead, briefly summarize key points. If a party wishes to enhance its presentation by using projector-adaptable visual displays and/or handouts, it may do so. Agency staff will be available to demonstrate the hearing room's projection system on **May 10, 2006, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Please telephone **(202)**

565-1664 to make arrangements.

The [schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided in a decision issued to the public today, April 25, 2006, in STB Ex Parte No. 661.](#) 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 (202) 306-4004**, or via [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net).

A video broadcast of the hearing will be accessible via the STB's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, under "**Information Center**"/"**Webcast**"/"**Live Video**" on the home page.

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Attachment

**Surface Transportation Board Public Hearing  
RAIL FUEL SURCHARGES, STB Ex Parte No. 611**

**SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES**

**Party / Speaker / Time Allotted**

**Panel I: Government**

State of Montana / The Honorable Brian Schweitzer, Governor / 20 minutes

**Panel II A: Shippers**

Wheat & Barley Commissions / Terry C. Whiteside / 10 minutes

North Dakota Grain Dealers Association / Steven D. Strege / 10 minutes

National Grain & Feed Association / Kendell Keith / 10 minutes

The Fertilizer Institute / Judy Gillies / 10 minutes

Transportation, Elevator, and Grain Merchants Association / Eric Wilkey / 5 minutes

Ag Processing / Terry J. Voss / 5 minutes

**Panel II B: Shippers**

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers/Daimler Chrysler / George H. Telfer / 10 minutes

Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Co. / Robert K. Ness and Jay Roman / 10 minutes

Western Coal Traffic League / Thomas D. Crowley and Peter A. Pfohl / 10 minutes

Entergy Corporation / Bill Mohl / 10 minutes

The AES Corporation / Thomas W. Wilcox / 10 minutes

**Panel II C: Shippers**

Concerned Captive Coal Shippers / James N. Heller and C. Michael Loftus / 10 minutes

Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. / Stephen J. Pocsik and Michael F. McBride / 10 minutes

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp./ Steve Sharp / 10 minutes

Degussa Corporation / Diane Elhakim / 10 minutes

Potlatch Forest Product Corp. / David A. Weisel / 10 minutes

Griffin Industries / James L. Conway / 10 minutes

Graniterock / Daniel V. Slavin / 5 minutes

**Panel III: Trade Associations**

The National Industrial Transportation League / Curt Warfel and John Ficker / 10 minutes

American Chemistry Council / Thomas E. Schick / 10 minutes

Edison Electric Institute / Charles W. Linderman and Michael F. McBride / 10 minutes

**Railroads (parties speaking individually, not as a panel)**

BNSF Railway Company / John P. Lanigan / 10 minutes

Canadian National Railway Company / James M. Foote / 10 minutes

Canadian Pacific Railway / Bob Milloy / 10 minutes

CSX Transportation, Inc. / Christopher P. Jenkins / 10 minutes

Norfolk Southern Railway Company / Donald W. Seale / 10 minutes

Union Pacific Railroad Company / Robert M. Knight, Jr. / 10 minutes

Oil Creek and Titusville Lines / Robert O. Dingman, Jr. / 5 minutes

**Panel IV: Consultants**

Escalation Consultants, Inc. / Jay Roman / 10 minutes

Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc. / Tom O'Connor / 10 minutes

Transportation Economics, Inc. / Mazhar Ali Awan / 10 minutes

Highroad Consulting, Ltd. / Sandra J. Dearden / 5 minutes

Freight Resources Network, LLC / Michael R. Behe / 5 minutes

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