#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS, TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR APRIL 2 AND 3 PUBLIC HEARINGS REVIEWING RAIL ACCESS AND COMPETITION ISSUES

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Surface Transportation Board (Board) Chairman Linda J. Morgan announced today that the Board has issued an order (attached) showing the speakers representing the parties that will testify on April 2 and 3, 1998, and the time allotted to each to make oral statements to the Board at the hearing reviewing rail access and competition issues. The Board's hearing--which is intended to address rail access and competition generally, and <u>not</u> the Board's ongoing case concerning service problems in the West, or the pending merger in the East--is being conducted in response to a request of Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine.

Chairman Morgan noted that the Board has accommodated all parties that requested speaking time. The schedule provides for approximately 8 hours divided among approximately 60 speakers and the parties they represent under the following 8 categories: Large Railroads, Labor, Shippers, Federal Government, State/Local Government, Ports and Related Interests, Maritime and Related Interests, and Short Line and Regional Railroads. To facilitate the presentations, the Board has established panels of participants.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, April 2, in the Board's Hearing Room at its offices in the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., in

Washington. As seating in the Board's 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room is limited, a second

room, the Brick Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Mercury Building, will be open and linked to the Hearing Room by television monitor. Seating for members of the public in the Hearing Room and the Brick Room will be provided on a "first-come, first-admitted" basis. **[STOP]** 

### ATTACHMENT

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DECISION STB Ex Parte No. 575 REVIEW OF RAIL ACCESS AND COMPETITION ISSUES A public hearing into rail access and competition issues has been set beginning April 2, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., and ending on April 3, 1998, at the Surface Transportation Board, Hearing Room--Suite 760, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. By notice served on March 10, 1998, the Board required parties seeking to appear at this hearing to designate, by March 16, 1998, the persons who will speak, the parties they will be representing, and the time requested to speak.

The schedule of appearances and the time provided for parties are set out in the Appendix to this decision. Speakers must file written statements with the Board by March 26, 1998. Given the large number of speakers, in order to complete their testimony within their allotted time, speakers are encouraged to condense their remarks rather than read their written statements.

Participants planning to use visual aids, such as maps, are advised to inform the Office of the Secretary at (202) 565-1650, no later than the close of business on March 27, 1998. Participants are limited to projector adaptable visual displays or handouts. The Board will provide space for handouts for dissemination to the public. The Board staff will be available in the Board's Hearing Room--Suite 760 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 1998, to demonstrate the Board's projection system.

It is ordered:

1. Time for oral presentations is allotted in the Appendix to this decision.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams Secretary

## APPENDIX SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

## I. APRIL 2, 1998

## Party Time Allotted

Association of American Railroads Panel 20 minutes Robert D. Krebs (panelists to allot time) John W. Snow Karen B. Phillips Samuel M. Sipe, Jr.

Federal Agencies

U. S. Department of Agriculture 10 minutes Michael V. Dunn

U.S. Department of Transportation 10 minutes

State and Local Governmental Interests

City of Cleveland, Ohio 10 minutes Mayor Michael R. White State of New York 10 minutes John F. Guinan

California Public Utilities Commission 10 minutes P. Gregory Conlon

Railroad Commission of Texas 10 minutes Charles R. Matthews

American Public Transit Association 5 minutes Daniel Duff

<u>Labor</u>

United Transportation Union 10 minutes James M. Brunkenhoefer

### Ports and Related Interests

Port Authority of Houston 5 minutes H. Thomas Kornegay

Jacksonville Port Authority 5 minutes Ron Katims

New York City Economic Development Corporation 5 minutes Charles Millard

Lower Mississippi River Shippers Coalition 5 minutes Martin W. Bercovici

Maritime and Related Interests Panel

APL, Ltd., J.B. Hunt Transport, Matson Intermodal System, 15 minutes and Eastman Kodak Co. (panelists to allot time)
Dan Pendleton (APL, Ltd.)
Paul R. Bergant (J.B. Hunt)
Michael R. Checci (Matson Intermodal)
Linda L. Kelley (Eastman Kodak Co.)

Shipper Associations (General)

Alliance for Rail Competition 20 minutes Dr. Alfred E. Kahn and Dr. Frederick C. Dunbar Terry Whiteside

Consumers United for Rail Equity 10 minutes Chuck Ebetino

National Industrial Transportation League 15 minutes Edward M. Emmett

Coal Shippers/Utilities (Groups)

Western Coal Traffic League 20 minutes Mark W. Schwirtz Marguerite Mills

Edison Electric Institute 15 minutes Charles Linderman National Mining Association 8 minutes Joseph E. Lema

Individual Coal Shippers

City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri 5 minutes Kenneth McClure

Consumers Energy Company 5 minutes William E. Garrity

Potomac Electric Power Company 5 minutes Susann D. Felton

Indianapolis Power & Light Company 5 minutes David Barnard

Northern States Power Company 5 minutes Duane L. Richards

Otter Tail Power Company 5 minutes Nicholas J. DiMichael

Grain Interests

National Grain and Feed Association 15 minutes David C. Barrett, Jr.

North Dakota Grain Dealers Association 10 minutes Jerry Janz

Top Dollar Grain Company 5 minutes Art Smith

### **HEARING CONTINUED ON APRIL 3, 1998**

### II. APRIL 3, 1998

### Party Time Allotted

Chemical, Fertilizer, Plastics Shipper Groups

Chemical Manufacturers Association 10 minutes Michael J. Garrigan

Fertilizer Institute 10 minutes Frederic E. Schrodt

Society of the Plastics Industry 10 minutes H. Patrick Jack

Chemical Interests (Individual)

Amoco Oil Company, Dow Chemical Co., and 15 minutes DuPont Chemical Co. (panelists to allot time) Robert L. Theurer (Amoco) Bill Gebo (Dow) Hugh L. Fisher (DuPont)

Shell Oil Company and Shell Chemical Company 5 minutes Brian P. Felker

#### Aggregates Shippers

CEMEX, USA 5 minutes Ms. Rose Mary Clyburn Gary P. Burns

Wyandot Dolomite 5 minutes Timothy A. Wolfe

National Lime and Stone Company 5 minutes Ronald W. Kruse

#### **Other Shippers**

Fort Orange Paper Company 5 minutes John P. Hay, Jr.

IBP, Inc. 5 minutes Perry M. Bourne

Formosa Plastics Corporation 5 minutes Andrew P. Goldstein

Johnson, James 5 minutes

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association and Illinois Central Railroad Company

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association 10 minutes Peter Gilbertson K. Earl Durden William Loftus

Illinois Central Railroad Company 10 minutes Myles L. Tobin

Short Lines and Related Interests

Brownsville Navigation District 5 minutes Larry E. Cantu

Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi R. Co. 5 minutes Larry J. Ahlers

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company 5 minutes Larry R. Parsons

Stark Development Board 5 minutes Randall C. Hunt

West Virginia Terminals 5 minutes Peter E. Hubbard

Association of American Railroads Panel 55 minutes Robert D. Krebs (panelists to allot time) John W. Snow Karen B. Phillips Samuel M. Sipe, Jr.

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