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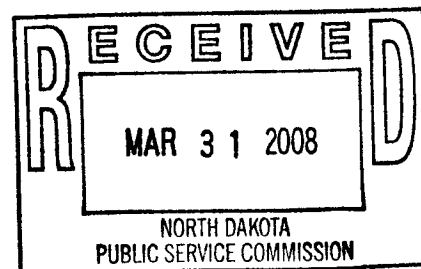
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Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
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Re: Notice of Intent of Idaho Wheat Commission, et al. to participate in  
Ex Parte No. 677,  
Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

This letter is being submitted in accordance with the Board's request for notice, not later than March 25, 2008, of parties interested in participating in the hearing scheduled for April 24, 2008.

The following parties intend to participate:

Idaho Wheat Commission  
Idaho Barley Commission  
Idaho Grain Producers Association  
Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee  
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington Wheat Commission  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Texas Wheat Producers Board  
Texas Wheat Producers Association  
South Dakota Wheat Commission  
South Dakota Wheat Inc.  
Oklahoma Wheat Commission  
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association  
Nebraska Wheat Board  
Alliance for Rail Competition

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The speaker for these parties (Idaho Wheat Commission, et al.) will be Terry C. Whiteside, Chairman of ARC, and 10 minutes is requested for Mr. Whiteside, who will address railroad common carrier obligation issues from the perspective of rail shippers and producers of agricultural commodities nationwide and in major wheat producing areas.

It is requested that the speaker for the Idaho Wheat Commission, et al., be assigned to the same panel as the speaker for the State of Montana, for which a separate notice of intent to participate has been filed. These two groups of parties also expect to file a joint written statement. Also in attendance will be attorney John M. Cutler, Jr., and Mr. Cutler may be a substitute speaker for Mr. Whiteside in the event of difficulties with travel to Washington, DC for Mr. Whiteside.

Please add the following to the service list prepared for this proceeding:

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Please contact Mr. Cutler if there are any questions concerning this notice of intent of participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Cutler, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John M. Cutler, Jr.  
Terry C. Whiteside