

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Washington DC

**MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2008 MEETING OF THE
RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on April 29 & 30, 2008 in the Hearing Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington DC. The meeting was called to order at 8am.

The following members were present: Eric Butler, Union Pacific Railroad ; W. Douglas Buttrey, Surface Transportation Board; Roger Fray, West Central Cooperative; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; D. J. Kratzberg, Exxon Mobil; John Levine, Pinsky Railroad Company; Reilly McCarren, Arkansas and Missouri Railroad; Charles Marshall, Farmrail; Francis P. Mulvey, Surface Transportation Board; Charles D. Nottingham, Surface Transportation Board; Dean Piacente, CSX Transportation; Robert Pugh, Georgia-Pacific; Bruce Ridley, Packaging Corporation of America; Connie Thede, Muscatine Power & Water; Terry Voss, Ag. Processing; Rick Webb, Watco Companies; Peter Weiss, Chrysler LLC and Owen Zidar, Kansas City Southern.

I. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks given by Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey and Board Member Buttrey

II. Financial Update

- Reviewed bank account information
- Reviewed 2008 Dues

III. Council Business

- Reviewed and approved posting of minutes of April 19 & 30, 2008 meeting on STB website

IV. General Discussion

- TIH/PIH Hearing Review
 - Following a presentation on Transloading, the group discussed ideas for improvement of TIH/PIH procedures.
- CSX Carload Service Improvement Product Review
 - Alan Blumenfeld, VP Service Design & Advanced Technology, presented an overview on the topic. Discussed the programs practices and results.
- Norfolk Southern/Shortline Empire Link
 - Bob Gentzel, Director of Shortline Marketing, and Mike Smith, President of Finger Lakes Railway, presented an overview of this topic. Discussed practices that make the program successful.
- Remarks from Chairman Nottingham

- STB is very busy with ongoing items such as TIH/PIH, Small Rate Case and Common Carrier.
- Member Reports from the Field
 - Members discussed and provided comments on business in their specific area. Members reported good service, no car storage problems, and good car supply.
- Rail Competition Study
 - Bill Brennan, STB, presented information on the topic.

VII. Next meeting November 12 & 13, 2008