

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Washington DC

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2003 MEETING OF THE
RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on February 11, 2003 in the Board Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington DC. The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

The following members were present: Peter Gilbertson, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad; Sharon Clark, Perdue Farms Incorporated; Steve Bobb, BNSF Railway; Bob Bailey, Port Jersey Railroad; George Price, Berg Steel Pipe Corp.; Connie Thede, Muscatine Power & Water; Dean Atkinson, Bobcat Company; Mike Scherm, BP Solvay Polyethylene North America; Gary Spiegel, RailAmerica, Inc; David Brotherton, Bowater Inc.; James Howarth, CSX Transportation, Inc.; Robert Pugh, Georgia Pacific; James Brunkenhoefer, United Transportation Union; Bill Gelston, Federal Railroad Administration; Chairman Roger Nober, Surface Transportation Board; Commissioner Linda Morgan, Surface Transportation Board; and Commissioner Wayne Burkes, Surface Transportation Board.

The following members were absent: Charles Marshall, Genesee & Wyoming Inc; and James Foote, Canadian National.

I. Agenda

- A motion was made for any changes to the proposed agenda. There were no changes or additions.
- A motion was made to distribute the October 23, 2002 minutes via e-mail and approve the minutes once a quorum was reached. Motion was moved and accepted.
- After reviewing RSTAC practices with STB Chairman Roger Nober, members were again advised that meeting discussions are confidential, with any inquiries regarding RSTAC activities to be directed to the RSTAC Chair. Minutes of the RSTAC meetings will be posted on the RSTAC web site.
- Elections for new officers were held. It was motioned and approved to support the offices of Chair -Sharon Clark; Vice Chair - Bob Bailey; and Secretary -Robert Pugh. An Executive Committee was also formed composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Past-Chair - Peter Gilbertson, Large Railroad - Stevan Bobb, and Public Interest Member - James Brunkenhoefer. These offices are to be held for one year, with elections for new officers to be held in first quarter 2004.

II. Surface Transportation Reauthorization Policy Statement

- Discussed draft Surface Transportation Reauthorization Statement. Motion was made and approved to accept statement, with one dissenting vote by the Public Interest member.
- Discussed how to communicate policy statement. Members agreed to share trade organization contacts to invite to a press release. A visit to Congress to meet with key transportation legislators is also planned.
- It was agreed to distribute this statement and schedule the next RSTAC meeting in April 2003.