

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Memorandum



TO : Chairman Morgan
Commissioner Owen

DATE: 4-16-96

FROM : Vice Chairman Simmons



SUBJECT : NATIONAL GRAIN CAR COUNCIL MEETING

The National Grain Car Council (NGCC) will hold its second meeting in Washington, DC on Friday, April 26, 1996. The meeting will take place in Hearing Room A, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A preliminary agenda is attached.

A reception for the NGCC will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, April 25, 1996, in Room D-138 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The Board members will shortly receive invitations to the reception from Dick Davidson, Chairman of the National Grain Car Council.

Attachment

**NATIONAL GRAIN CAR COUNCIL SESSION
APRIL 26, 1996**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Comments

II. Status of Grain Transportation

- **Report by Railroads - Fourth Quarter 1995 and First Quarter 1996 Results**
- **Shipper Expectations - Demand Outlook for Balance of 1996**

III. Report and Discussion of Grain Car Efficiency Task Force Recommendations

- **Communications with Customers**
- **Port Congestion/Mexico**
- **Reduction of Empty Car Miles and Equipment Sharing**
- **Interchange Problems**
- **Reloading of Empty Covered Hoppers**
- **Pooling of Private Cars**

IV. Report and Discussion of Measurement Task Force Recommendations

- **Size of National Rail Fleet**
- **Fleet Utilization Statistics**
- **Agricultural Production**
- **Demand - Processors and Export**
- **Next Steps**

V. Additional Issues and Follow-Up Assignments