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**ICC CHAIRMAN GAIL MCDONALD RECOMMENDS
PARTICIPANTS TO SERVE ON
NATIONAL GRAIN CAR COUNCIL**

Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman Gail McDonald today announced the selection of 30 individuals representing four railroad industry groups to participate on the National Car Council (NGCC), a council created to reach market-based solutions to problems arising in the rail transportation of grain.

Chairman McDonald recommended the participation of 10 representatives from Class I railroads (those with gross annual operating revenues of \$250 million or more over three consecutive years), five representatives from Class II railroads (gross operating revenues between \$20 million and \$250 million over three consecutive years) and Class III railroads (gross operating revenues of \$20 million or less over three consecutive years), 10 representatives of grain shippers and receivers, and five representatives of private rail car owners and manufacturers. A list of the 30 nominees and the interests they represent are attached.

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The Commission is responsible for general oversight of the national rail industry and for ensuring that rail carriers furnish safe and adequate grain car service and apply reasonable rules and practices in the provision of car service. Persistent and pervasive problems have continued to confront grain shippers, carriers, and car suppliers in the rail transportation of grain. The NGCC is viewed as the best vehicle for continuing and improving broad-based communications among Class I and Class II railroads, shippers, car manufacturers, and government. The creation of the NGCC for this purpose was recently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

ICC Commissioner J. J. Simmons III recommended the inception of an NGCC in a Report on the National Grain Car Supply Conference (Ex Parte No. 519) summarizing the conference held under the agency's auspices in Omaha, Nebraska, in April 1994. While the many interested parties attending the conference began a dialogue, the report concluded that few specific solutions had been reached concerning the complex problems attendant to grain transportation. Through the NGCC, the ICC trusts that market-based solutions may be achieved.

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ATTACHMENT

NOMINEES FOR THE NATIONAL GRAIN CAR COUNCIL

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