

RETAC – Communication Subcommittee Report

September 17, 2008

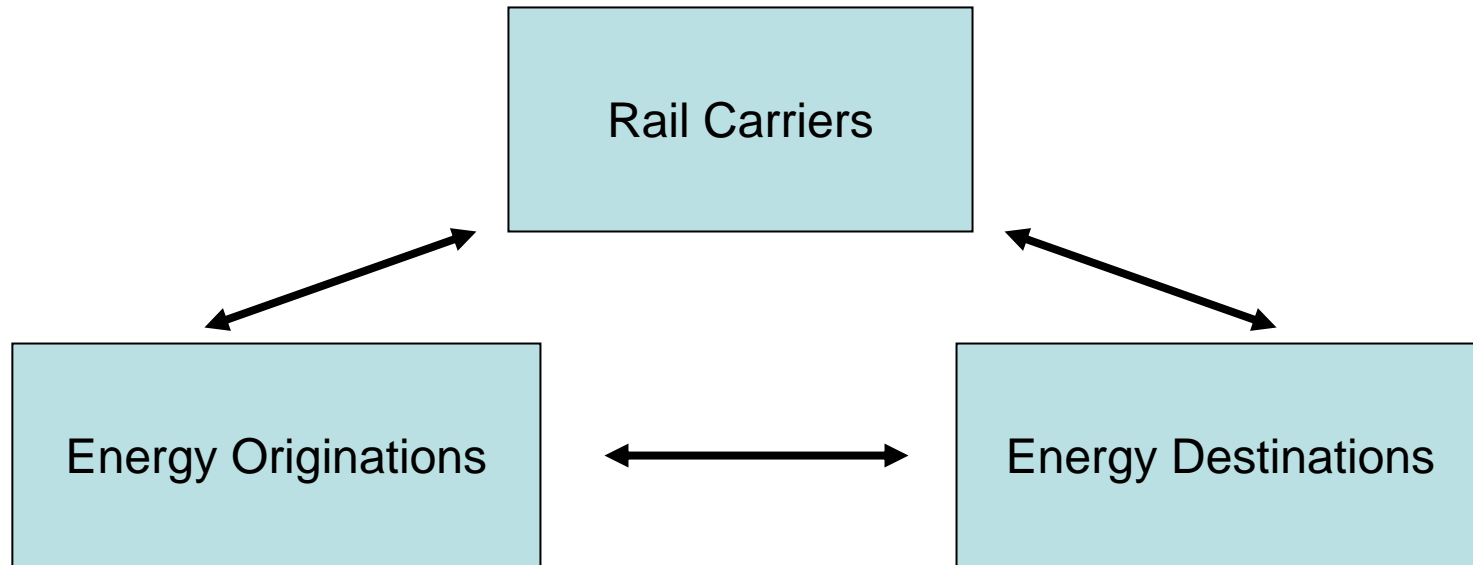
Subcommittee Members

- Ed McKechnie, Watco Companies, Subcommittee Chair
- Steve Bobb – BNSF Railway
- John Hull, Peabody Energy
- Mike Rayphole, Peabody Energy
- Kent Smith, Arch Coal
- Need a utility representative

Scope

1. Describe communication barriers within the energy industry that inhibit an efficient supply chain between the origin, carrier and destination. Provide recommendations to address the barriers.
2. Develop an appropriate mechanism for forwarding the findings of RETAC to the industry and governmental agencies.

Communication Flows



Process

- The subcommittee first met on June 11, before last RETAC meeting.
- Chairman of the subcommittee left RETAC
- Ed McKechnie appointed chair by Alan Shaw and Jeff Wallace.
- Shaw and Wallace officially assigned “development of a reporting of findings” to subcommittee on Sept. 15.
- Subcommittee met Sept. 16

Issues

- Internal Industry Communication Barriers
 - Examples:
 - Quality and timeliness of information
 - Standardize information across the supply chain
- Opportunities to report findings of RETAC to appropriate parties (both internal and external) to the energy transportation industry
 - Reports of other sub committees

Next Steps

- Subcommittee conference call in November
- Seek consensus in order to make recommendations to RETAC as appropriate