

RETAC
Communications Sub Committee
Update

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Members

- Steve Bobb – Group VP – Coal, BNSF Railway
- Ed McKechnie – Chief Commercial Officer, WATCO Companies – Chair
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- John Hull – Director Sales and Western Transportation, COALSALES, LLC
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Task

- The Communication Sub Committee has been charged with the task of developing an appropriate mechanism for forwarding the findings of RETAC to the industry and governmental agencies. The Committee began to review these options at its Sept. 16. 2008, meeting.
- The Sub Committee also had a conference call to finalize its recommendations on February 23, 2009.

Ready to support

- Develop strategies to communicate findings of RETAC to the industry and to the Congress, appropriate executive branch departments.
- Upon adoption of any recommendations of any policies or positions, the Communications Sub Committee stands ready to support with the dissemination of that information.

Previous assignments

- The initial mission of the Communications Subcommittee was to provide the STB a White Paper that describes the barriers the energy industry faces that inhibit efficient rail traffic flow between the origin, carrier and customer and provide recommendations for resolving the barriers.
- The Committee found that other sub committees are now working on the several aspects of this issue and the issue for the Communication Sub Committee is now moot.

Questions?

- Thank you