

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

On behalf of our nation's grain millers, the North American Millers' Association (NAMA) is pleased to have the opportunity to support the nomination of Dana R. Hansen in response to the Surface Transportation Board's notice to fill vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

NAMA represents millers of wheat, corn, oats, and rye across the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Our members take raw grain and, through grinding and crushing, create flour and other products that are used to make favorite foods, such as bread, cereals, pasta, cookies, cakes, and snack foods. Rail transportation is extremely important to the milling industry and we believe Mr. Hansen's professional experience in commercial rail transportation combined with his interest in the mission of the RSTAC make him an ideal candidate for your consideration as a large shipper member of the RSTAC.

Mr. Hansen currently serves as assistant vice-president – commercial rail freight for ADM in Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Hansen has worked for ADM for nearly 28 years. For the past 22 years, Mr. Hansen has been in rail transportation roles including holistic rail freight strategy, railcar fleet management, railcar procurement, rail freight rate negotiation, public policy activities, transportation legal matters, rail supply chain electronic system development, and railcar utilization and optimization modeling. In his current role, he works daily with all of ADM's business units ensuring that ADM's rail assets, supply chain, operations, and freight agreements serve the many needs of the company's customers.

During his career, he has served with numerous trade associations and industry groups. Mr. Hansen currently serves on NGFA's Shipper Receiver Committee, the North American Freight Car Association, and the STB's National Grain Car Council.

Rail transportation is critical to the movement of grains and milled grain products. As such, we believe Mr. Hansen would serve a vital role on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane DeMarchi
President
North American Miller's Association