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Re: Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC)

Dear Mr. Chairman Oberman and Esteemed Members
of the Surface Transportation Board,

I am writing to formally nominate Mr. Jason Fannin, Chief Commercial Officer of Ramaco Resources, Inc., for a position on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Given his extensive experience in the coal industry and his role overseeing rail and related logistics, sales, and marketing at Ramaco Resources, Mr. Fannin is exceptionally well-suited to contribute valuable insights and expertise to the committee.

Mr. Fannin has dedicated over 25 years to the coal industry, holding senior sales and marketing positions at several prominent coal companies, including Contura Energy, Alpha Natural Resources, and AMCI Resources. He has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in chemical engineering and chemistry from the West Virginia Institute of Technology, coupled with his Juris Doctor degree from the Appalachian School of Law. These equip him with a unique blend of both technical knowledge and legal acumen, essential for navigating the complexities of the energy and transportation sectors.

Ramaco Resources, a leading operator and developer of high-quality metallurgical coal, plays a critical role in supplying both domestic and international markets. With over 59 million reserve tons of metallurgical coal, Ramaco is committed to delivering low-cost, high-quality products to North American blast furnace steel mills and international metallurgical coal consumers. Under Mr. Fannin's leadership, Ramaco has continued to expand its production and sales capabilities while maintaining a focus on operational efficiency and strategic growth.

Ramaco now has export customers in over 20 countries as well as serves most domestic and North American steel mills. All of this coal is transported by rail from one of Ramaco's four current coal complexes.

The RETAC would significantly benefit from Mr. Fannin's extensive experience and strategic oversight at Ramaco Resources. His leadership includes managing commercial operations at the Elk Creek Complex, which utilizes CSX for transportation, and at the Berwind Complex, which contracts with Norfolk Southern. Mr. Fannin's insights into the logistical and transportation challenges facing these supply chains would be invaluable in assisting the committee to effectively fulfill its mandate.



According to the RETAC Federal Advisory Committee Membership Balance Plan, it is ideal for the committee to include representation from three coal producers. Currently, this balance is not met, and Mr. Fannin's nomination presents an opportunity to fulfill this essential criterion. Mr. Fannin's addition would not only align RETAC with its membership balance goals but also ensure that the interests and challenges of both large and small coal producers are adequately represented in the committee's discussions and decisions. It is essential for RETAC to have input from companies of varying sizes to address the diverse challenges faced across the industry.

Mr. Fannin is prepared to serve as a member of RETAC and is eager to contribute to the ongoing dialogue between coal producers, rail carriers, and regulatory bodies. His participation would not only benefit the committee but also support the broader goal of ensuring efficient and reliable rail transportation for energy resources.

Thank you for considering Mr. Fannin's nomination. Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Randall W. Atkins'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Randall W. Atkins
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Ramaco Resource, Inc.