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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: STB Docket EP 526 (Sub-No. 22), Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation
Advisory Council Vacancy

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in support of the nomination of Mr. James W. Palmer of Allied Universal Corporation (“Allied”) to fill the Small Shipper vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”).

Allied has been a Chlorine Institute (“CI” or “Institute”)¹ member since 1973 and has been a key participant in many capacities over the years. Mr. Palmer has served as a representative of Allied on various task groups, committees, and, on a rotational basis, has served on the Institute’s Board of Directors (and served as Chairman for a term). He has provided constructive and insightful input into many of CI’s collaborative efforts which are focused on the safe production, handling, distribution and use of our mission chemicals, which include chlorine, caustic soda, hydrochloric acid, and sodium hypochlorite.

I believe that Mr. Palmer would be an excellent choice to fill the current small shipper vacancy on the RSTAC. He works in a very cooperative and open-minded manner and is not afraid to speak up when ideas are being sought or discussed. Mr. Palmer would bring different perspectives to the group with Allied being both a railcar receiver of several products and sodium hypochlorite shipper. Allied plays a critical role in the market by supplying products used primarily in water disinfection, along with other industrial applications, so Mr. Palmer has a deep understanding of the importance of safe and undisrupted rail service.

I appreciate your willingness to consider Mr. Palmer for the Small Shipper vacancy and would be glad to provide additional information, if needed.

Sincerely,

Frank Reiner
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¹ CI is a 192-member, not-for-profit trade association of chlor-alkali producers worldwide, as well as packagers, distributors, users, and suppliers. The Institute’s North American Producer members account for more than 93 percent of the total chlorine production capacity of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Chlorine and related chemicals, including caustic and hydrochloric acid, are used throughout the U.S. economy and are key to the protection of public health.



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**RE: Nomination of James W. Palmer, Surface Transportation Board,
RSTAC Small Shipper Vacancy**

As Chairman of the Board of Allied Universal Corporation, I would like to nominate James W. Palmer, President/CEO of Allied Universal Corporation, for the Small Shipper Vacancy on the Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Committee (RSTAC).

Mr. Palmer is willing to serve as the Small Shipper Representative term, and he is willing to serve until December 31, 2028, or as needed.

Allied Universal Corporation employs over 300 people, with 7 domestic locations spread throughout the Eastern part of the United States and service the United States, as well as the Caribbean and Central America.

The products Allied produces or re-packages are used primarily in the water purification, as well as industrial applications. Allied has a fleet of its own railcars to ship Sodium Hypochlorite, plus it receives railcars at all of its facilities it currently has throughout the United States.


James Palmer is currently the President/CEO of Allied Universal Corporation and has direct responsibility for overseeing the rail shipments, as well as the products received by rail, at all our facilities. He was a long term Board Member and past Chairman of the Chlorine Institute Board. He is quite involved in several Task Groups and committees, with NSF (as a voting member), as well as with Alliance of Chemical Distributors (ACD).

Mr. Palmer holds an under graduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Evansville and holds a Masters Degree in Inorganic Chemistry from Vanderbilt.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very Truly Yours,

ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION


Robert Namoff
Chairman of the Board

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