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**ICC ANNOUNCES ELECTION  
OF INTERIM CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
NATIONAL GRAIL CAR COUNCIL**

Interstate Commerce Commission Vice Chairman Gus A. Owen today announced the election of Richard K. Davidson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, as the interim Chairman of the National Grain Car Council (NGCC), and the election of Ian Muir, Assistant Vice President—Transportation of the Bunge Corporation, as interim Vice Chairman. Vice Chairman Owen is an ex-officio member of the NGCC.

NGCC Chairman Davidson and Vice Chairman Muir were elected to their positions by fellow NGCC members. Both officers are responsible for coordinating the NGCC's first meeting—expected in early Autumn 1995—and for developing a meeting agenda. An election will be held during the NGCC's first meeting to choose a permanent Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The NGCC was formed as a working group to facilitate private-sector solutions to problems arising in the railroad transportation of grain. The NGCC is composed of 31 members representing large railroads, short line railroads, grain shippers and receivers, and private rail car manufacturers and owners.

The NGCC arose from a 1993 proceeding instituted by the ICC in National Grain Car Supply—Conference of Interested Parties, Ex Parte No. 519. A report in this case subsequently was issued summarizing the Commission's grain car conference held in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 11, 1994 (see the Report on the National Grain Car Supply Conference, Ex Parte No. 519 [Commissioner J. J. Simmons, August 1994]). The Commission subsequently voted to approve the establishment of the NGCC.

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