



Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

January 23, 2020

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Calvert:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Board's decision in Association of American Railroads—Petition for Rulemaking, Docket No. EP 752, and the report issued by the Board's Rate Reform Task Force (the Report). We appreciate knowing your views on these important matters. Your letter has been entered into the docket for EP 752 and posted to our website.

As you know, in November 2019, the Board issued a decision in EP 752 soliciting information on whether and how particular cost-benefit analysis approaches might be more formally integrated into the agency's rulemaking process. In December 2019, we granted a motion to modify the procedural schedule. Opening comments are due by January 31, 2020, and reply comments are due by March 20, 2020. We look forward to thoroughly reviewing all the comments we receive in the coming months.


In order to give full and careful attention to the potential impact of the Rate Reform Task Force's recommendations, the Board held a two-day public hearing in December 2019 focusing on revenue adequacy issues raised in the Report (Hearing on Revenue Adequacy, Docket No. EP 761, and Railroad Revenue Adequacy, Docket No. EP 722). We are carefully considering the testimony and comments from that hearing. The record in both dockets remains open until February 13, 2020, to allow parties to supplement their testimony.

Thank you again for your interest in the Board's work. We will keep your office apprised of the Board's actions on these matters. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact us or Ms. Lucille Marvin, the Board's Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at (202) 245-0238.

Sincerely,

  
Ann Begeman  
Chairman

  
Patrick Fuchs  
Board Member

  
Martin Oberman  
Vice Chairman