Minutes for December 4-5 2012

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council pursuant to notice, held a meeting on December 4-5, 2012 in Washington DC. The meeting was called to order at 2pm, on December 4th, 2012, by Chairman Keever.

The following members were present: Chairman: Jeff Keever, Virginia Port Authority; Vice Chairman/Treasurer: John Levine Pinsly Railroad Company; Secretary: Howard Kaplan, U.S. Magnesium, LLC; Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; George Duggan, BNSF; John Friedmann, Norfolk Southern Corporation (Dec 5th only); Tom Giovinazzi,, Holcim (US), Inc.; Henry Lampe, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad; John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.; Leslie Moll, ArcelorMittal USA(via phone); Michael Ogborn, Omnitrax; Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Peter A. Weiss, Chrysler LLC Daniel R. Elliott III, Surface Transportation Board, Vice Chairman Francis P. Mulvey, Surface Transportation Board; Board Member Ann D Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration,

Also present: STB staff members, Reamy Ancarrow, Gabriel Meyer, Jamie Rennert, and Mary Turek.

The following members were not present: Jerry Cope, Dakota Mill and Grain; Mike Mohan, Canadian National Railway Company;

1. Welcome and opening remarks from RSTAC Chairman Keever, and self introductions.
2. Opening remarks from STB Commissioners and Chairman Elliott.
3. Review of the waybill process by Bill Huneke, Paul Aguiar and Jaqueline Bienko, STB staff.
4. Reports from the field-all

Continuing on to December 5th (RSTAC members only):

1. Minutes from August meeting were approved for posting on the Board website. Three year chairman’s summary of RSTAC activities to be included on the website with minutes.
2. Election of officers for 2013 were held;

Chairman/Treasurer: John Levine

Vice Chair: Tom Giovinazzi

Secretary: Howard Kaplan

1. Meeting dates for 2013 were determined:

February 26-27

May 21-22

August 20-22 (site visit)

November 6-7

Messers Duggan and Friedman to collaborate on site visit possibilities.

1. Banking status reviewed by Treasurer-funds appear adequate.

(Note: STB Members arrive)

1. Presentation by STB staff on Rail Customer and Public Assistance Program; Tom Brugman, David Kruschwitz, Gabe Meyer.
2. Discussion of Positive Train Control (PTC) draft paper; Issued to RSTAC members and STB personnel; comments due back to Mike Ogborn by December 31, target date for issue January 25th, 2013
3. Next meeting February 26-27, 2013 at STB offices.
4. Meeting adjourned at app. 12:00 pm.