

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Washington DC

**MINUTES OF MARCH 1-2, 2011 MEETING OF THE
RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the “Council”), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on March 1-2, 2011 in the Hearing Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC. The meeting was called to order at 2pm March 1st, and 8am March 2nd.

The following members were present: Reilly McCarren, Arkansas & Missouri Railroad; Roger Fray, West Central Cooperative; Doug Kratzberg, Exxon Mobil; John Levine, Pinsky Railroad Company; Michael Ogborn, OMNTRAX, Inc; Peter Weiss, Chrysler LLC; Bruce Ridley, Packaging Corporation of America; Owen Zidar, Kansas City Southern; Eric Butler, Union Pacific Railroad; John Friedmann, Norfolk Southern; Howard Kaplan, US Magnesium, LLC; Daniel R. Elliott III, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; Francis P. Mulvey, Surface Transportation Board and Charles D. Nottingham, Surface Transportation Board.

The following member attended via conference call: Terry Voss, Ag. Processing.

The following members were not present: Leslie Moll, ArcelorMittal USA; J.J. Keever, Virginia Port Authority; Henry Lampe, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railway

I. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks given by Chairman Elliott; Vice Chairman Nottingham and Commissioner Mulvey.
- A review of ethics and ex parte communications was given by Brian O’Boyle of STB.

II. Council Business

- Reviewed and approved posting of minutes of November 3-4, 2010 meeting on STB website

III. Financial Update

- Financial update was given and the account is being moved from Reilly McCarren to John Levine.

IV. General Discussion

- There was discussion between RSTAC members and Bill Hunecke of the STB on the usefulness of URCS and the cost, impact and options of updating URCS.
- There was discussion on the process for arbitration/mediation filing. (Note: STB Members were not present for substantive discussions regarding this matter).
- There were reports from the field by all in attendance.
- The “Terminals” white paper was cancelled.

- RSTAC discussed issues affecting rail competitiveness in shorter-haul lanes and the truck size and weight issue. A committee comprised of John Friedmann, John Levine, Doug Kratzberg, and Leslie Moll was formed to discuss the topic further at the August meeting. (Note: STB Members were not present for substantive discussions regarding this matter).
- There were continued discussions on the Goals/Projects for 2011.

V. Next meeting

- May 18-19, 2011 in Washington, DC