

**RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Washington DC

**MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2003 MEETING OF THE  
RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on April 11, 2003 in the Board Room of the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington DC. The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

The following members were present: Peter Gilbertson, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad; Sharon Clark, Perdue Farms Incorporated; Steve Bobb, BNSF Railway; Bob Bailey, Port Jersey Railroad; George Price, Berg Steel Pipe Corp.; Connie Thede, Muscatine Power & Water; Charles Marshall, Genesee & Wyoming Inc; James Brunkenhoefer, United Transportation Union; Bill Gelston, Federal Railroad Administration; Chairman Roger Nober, Surface Transportation Board; and Commissioner Linda Morgan, Surface Transportation Board.

The following members were absent: Dean Atkinson, Bobcat Company; Mike Scherm, BP Solvay Polyethylene North America; Gary Spiegel, RailAmerica, Inc; David Brotherton, Bowater Inc.; James Howarth, CSX Transportation, Inc.; Robert Pugh, Georgia Pacific; and James Foote, Canadian National.

**I. Agenda**

- A motion was made to accept the February 11, 2003 minutes. Motion was moved and accepted.
- After reviewing RSTAC practices, it was agreed that in the future members who miss three consecutive meetings will be asked to step down and a replacement will be named by the STB Chair.

**II. Surface Transportation Reauthorization Policy Statement**

- Discussed April 10, 2003 press release of the RSTAC Surface Transportation Reauthorization Statement and subsequent visits to Capitol Hill by RSTAC members.

Congressional offices visited by RSTAC members included: Sen. Reid (D-NV); Sen. Inouye (D-HI); Sen. Jeffords (I-VT); Sen. McCain (R-AZ); Sen. Hutchison (R-TX); Sen. Young (R-AL) Rep. Frank LoBiondo (NJ); Rep. Bill Pascrell (NJ); Rep. Brown (FL); Rep. Petri (WI); Rep. Quinn (NY); Rep. Lipinski (NY); Francis Mulvey, House Democratic Staff Director; and Mary Phillips, Senate Professional Staff.

Discussed "Next Steps" to publicize policy statement, including:

- Post position on RSTAC web page
- Contact industry trade organizations, confirm they are in receipt of policy, ask if they support
- Develop a one page "fact sheet" of why the policy is needed, including potential rail freight projects which require general funding e.g. the rail gathering network (286,000 lbs gross weight on rail; bridge infrastructure); and intermodal rail freight projects (Alameda Corridor, Chicago)
- Schedule RSTAC tem visits with specific Congressional members to discuss policy statement
- Follow up with letter on RSTAC letterhead with copy of annual report, statutory provision creating RSTAC and copy of policy statement to those Congressional members visited 4-10-03

**III. Other**

Discussed Service Issues and how RSTAC may be able to work with STB to create a customer service issue forum. Issues may be systemic or commodity-specific.

RSTAC thanked STB Commissioner Linda Morgan for her contribution to RSTAC and her active participation.

Agreed to schedule next RSTAC meeting in July