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Update from the Executive Director January 11, 2007

ARC Strategy/Mission Developed at EC Meeting

As reported in the December newsletter, the ARC Executive Committee, Meyers & Associates, counsel, and myself met in early January to finalize the organization's Mission, Strategy and the Plans for 2007. They are shown below. As was stated in the previous newsletter, they encompass everything ARC has stood for in the past, plus they focus our 2007 efforts on what we believe will accomplish our mission with the new political landscape.

Mission

Support the Nation's railroads and their workforce to achieve a reliable and safe railroad network that serves all consumers ensuring American competitiveness

Strategy

Fair and balanced implementation of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980

Plan for 2007 consists of two key components:

1. Pursue legislative oversight hearings of the Surface Transportation Board (STB)
2. Develop and initiate a legislative program that addresses the failures of the STB

ARC Members Call to Action

Within each of two components of the 2007 Plan, there are many activities that the group has identified along with a responsible party and timetable to complete. For all of the activities, we need support from the members of ARC; however, to achieve the LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS OF THE STB we need some input immediately from the Members of ARC. The easiest and quickest way to do this would be to respond to this email by clicking on mwsnovitch@railcompetition and providing to me the following information:

- If you have a D.C. representative, who they are, phone number and email?
- Do you have any plans to visit D.C. that you would be interested in visiting some of your Congressmen or staff? If so, when?

You could also reach me by phone at 202 484-7133.

Capitol Hill Outreach Continues

Following the EC meeting, Meyers & Associates representatives together with Terry Whiteside attended several inaugural events on Capitol Hill and visited with Congressional staff to raise the awareness of our issue. A meeting was held with staff to Sen. John Tester (D-MT), and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for this week with staff of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.