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Executive Director Testifies Before STB

On January 31, 2007, ARC Executive Director Mike Snovitch testified before the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on the issues of simplified standards for rail rate cases. The testimony is attached for your information. Other parties who testified included US DOT Representative, National Grain & Feed Association, National Industrial Traffic League, Dow Chemical Company, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, United Transportation Union, Association of American Railroads, BNSF, Union Pacific, Canadian National Railway Company, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Kansas City Southern Railway Company.

Meyers & Associates Represents ARC in RCC Meeting

ARC legislative counsel represented ARC in RCC meeting to discuss preparations for the Rail Customer Day, to be held March 15, 2007, on Capitol Hill. Preliminary "save the date" information has been sent ARC members. If you have any questions or inquiries about the Rail Customer Day, please contact Sally Wright at 202-484-7133 or by email at sallywright@meyersandassociates.com.

Another critical issue discussed at RCC meeting was the rail customer legislation to be introduced in Congress. ARC is coordinating with other shipper groups on the content of the draft (see next article).

ARC Develops Draft Rail Competition Legislation for Congressional Leaders

Congressional leaders have requested that ARC outline specific issues and present a draft of Rail Competition legislation, which most accurately addresses the needs of ARC members. ARC's Executive Committee is working with Counsel to develop a draft. The draft will be reviewed by the groups composing ARC for their comment and approval prior to officially being submitted to the Congressional leaders. This will then be coordinated with the legislative efforts of other shipper groups.

Legislative Outreach Continues on Capitol Hill

Meyers & Associates continues regular outreach to members of Congress to develop awareness of rail customer issues and how they affect members' constituencies. As requested by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee staff, Congressional outreach is focused on members of the committee with the goal of securing a majority approval when the rail customer legislation is voted on.

Enclosure: Snovitch Testimony before STB, January 31, 2007