



Office of the Chairman

**Surface Transportation Board**  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

July 13, 2015

Mrs. Linda Bauer Darr  
President and Treasurer  
American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association  
50 F Street N.W.  
Suite 7020  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Railroad Service Outlook Fall 2015

Dear Linda:

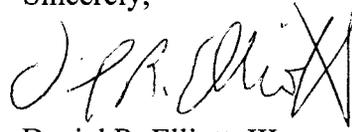
The Surface Transportation Board is again providing railroad members of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (“ASLRRA”) with the opportunity to submit assessments of their respective ability to meet expected demands for rail service during the traditional “fall peak.” I ask that any interested ASLRRA railroad member provide to the Board a brief description of its outlook and plans through the remainder of 2015, as well as for the following winter season. Responses should include:

- Expectations for any seasonal peaks in traffic and the actions it will take to prepare, with specific references to critical commodities such as grain, ethanol, coal, propane, and automotive traffic.
- Resources to meet any increase in volume, including a discussion of freight car, locomotive, and labor availability.
- Investments made to accommodate additional traffic demands.
- Plans for dealing with a protracted severe winter conditions.

Please provide the Board with this information by August 3, 2015.

As has been the case in the past, the Board intends to make any assessments public. I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that the shipping public receives efficient and reliable rail service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Elliott, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "X" at the end.

Daniel R. Elliott, III  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Ann D. Begeman, Vice Chairman  
The Honorable Deb Miller, Commissioner