

12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000.

**Marie Therese Porter Royce,**

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

[FR Doc. 2019–20773 Filed 9–24–19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4710–05–P**

## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 3)]

### **Renewal of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to renew charter.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) intends to renew the charter of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the charter is available on the Board's website at <https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/retac.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Nunnally, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 245–0312. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC was established by the Board on September 24, 2007, to provide advice and guidance to the Board, on a continuing basis, and to provide a forum for the discussion of emerging issues and concerns regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources, including, but not necessarily limited to, coal and biofuels (such as ethanol), and petroleum. RETAC functions solely as an advisory body and complies with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app., and its implementing regulations.

RETAC consists of approximately 25 voting members, excluding the governmental representatives. The membership comprises a balanced representation of individuals experienced in issues affecting the transportation of energy resources, including no fewer than: 5 representatives from the Class I railroads; 3 representatives from Class II and III railroads; 3 representatives from

coal producers; 5 representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility); 4 representatives from biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; 2 representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers; and, 1 representative from the petroleum shipping industry. The Committee may also include up to 2 members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. All voting members of the Committee serve in a representative capacity on behalf of their respective industry or stakeholder group. The Board Members are *ex officio* (non-voting) members of RETAC. Representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Transportation; and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may be invited to serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity as *ex officio* (non-voting) members.

RETAC meets at least twice a year, and meetings are open to the public, consistent with the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409 (1976).

Further information about RETAC is available on the Board's website (<https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/retac.html>) and at the General Services Administration's FACA database (<https://facadatabase.gov/>).

Decided: September 20, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

[FR Doc. 2019–20805 Filed 9–24–19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915–01–P**

## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2019–4)]

### **Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board approves the fourth quarter 2019 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2019 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.075. The fourth quarter 2019 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.454. The fourth quarter 2019 RCAF–5 is 0.427.

**DATES:** *Applicable:* October 1, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's decision is posted at <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238.

*Decided:* September 19, 2019.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

**Raina Contee,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

[FR Doc. 2019–20794 Filed 9–24–19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915–01–P**

## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 519 (Sub-No. 5)]

### **Renewal of National Grain Car Council**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to renew charter.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) intends to renew the charter of the National Grain Car Council (NGCC).

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the charter is available on the Board's website at [https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/graincar\\_council.html](https://www.stb.gov/stb/rail/graincar_council.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Small, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 245–0381. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 8778339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NGCC functions as a continuing working group to facilitate private-sector solutions and recommendations to the Board on matters affecting grain transportation. The NGCC functions solely as an advisory body and complies with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app., and its implementing regulations.

The NGCC consists of approximately 42 members, excluding the governmental representatives. The membership comprises a balanced representation of individuals knowledgeable in the transportation of grain, including no fewer than 14 members from the Class I railroads (one marketing and one car management representative from each Class I), 7 representatives from Class II and III carriers, 14 representatives from grain shippers and receivers, and 7