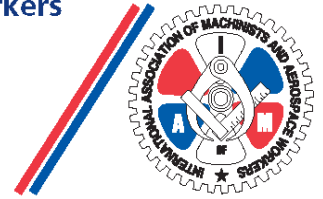


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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No. 4)
TTX Company – Application For Pooling Reauthorization

Dear Ms. Brown:

We understand TTX is seeking reauthorization of its flatcar pool. The Transportation Communications Union/IAM strongly supports an extension of TTX Company's flatcar pooling authority, as we rely on TTX to provide stable employment for our members.

Our organization is responsible for the inspection and repair of railcars across North America. At TTX, over 600 TCU/IAM members repair railcars at 40 locations around the country. We contribute to TTX Company's goal of providing a quality, well-maintained railcar fleet that is available for use by any national rail carrier. In doing so, we also maintain a high level of safety. In fact, TTX facilities are among the safest railroad repair facilities in the country, as evidenced by an exceptionally low recordable injury rate. As such, we endorse the continuation of TTX as a quality, safe railcar service provider and employer.

We support TTX Company's application for a 15-year extension of its pooling authority to ensure TTX continues to provide efficient flatcar service in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Scardelletti
National President

cc: R. Johnson, NVP