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Circular Letter

Subject:Solicitation of comments for New Figure 27 – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 2.7.8**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requests comments regarding New Figure 27, POLES, TREATED AND UNTREATED, 35 FEET AND LONGER, 62 FT AND 70 FT BULKHEAD FLATCARS WITH WRAP-AROUND BULKHEAD, EQUIPPED WITH A MINIMUM OF 3 WINCHES FOR 4 IN POLYESTER WEB STRAPS AND SIX PAIR OF STEEL SIDE STAKES – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

Please see attachment for details regarding the new figure.

Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of AAR Rule 123, comments are herein solicited and should be sent with any additional attachments to: Mr. Travis Wolgram, Manager-AAR Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001 or email to: travis_wolgram@aar.com. Comments may also be placed directly on the attached figure for clarity and submitted.

All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of new figure 27 in Section 5 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual. The AAR has a long standing practice of seeking comments on changes and additions to rules or standards that may affect stakeholders. All are encouraged to voice their opinions with comments and questions to Mr. Travis Wolgram, Manager - AAR Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001. Or email to travis_wolgram@aar.com or otlr@aar.com

Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.

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ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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