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Shipper Freight Lane Planning Detail - Confidential¹

1. ODs by commodity² –

- Direction, in/out (for balance, equipment positioning)?
- Volume:
 - Annual, weekly, day-of-week (for matching blocks by train)?
 - Distinguish current, anticipated future, consistency, likely variations?
- Equipment: dry/reefer; domestic/international; car type?
- Shipment detail, loading, other transportation characteristics.
- TL route(s), miles, rate(s), FSC (format), typical accessorials?
- Rail/intermodal route options: miles, rate(s), FSC (format), accessorials?
- Scheduling flexibility, e.g.:
 - Matching blocks by day-of-week, train & carrier connections?
 - Stocking or DC v. JIT, predictability, lead time visibility?
 - Hot load by-pass potential?

2. Facility detail (O&D as appropriate) –

- Shipping/receiving, days per week, hours per day?
- Loading/unloading docks, railcar, truck/container, capacity (e.g., turn time)?
- Industrial spur (yes/no, track layout detail)?
- To/from intermodal terminals, distances, other relevant factors?
- Production dictates, DC, storage, load-n-hold practices?

3. Other relevant transportation characteristics, objectives?

4. Prioritizing ODs, building sustainable density/operations on CN/WC lines.

- ODs mix including ODs maximizing:
 - CN single line and length of haul on CN system?
 - Vol., equipment capture, consistency, etc., to trump short distances?
 - Filling capacity on existing manifest trains, jobs?
- Pairing ODs for return or balance, capturing equipment, min. mty return:
 - ODs of individual shippers?
 - ODs of shippers within operational proximity on CN/WC lines?

¹ Per 49 USC § 14908 for railroad and its agents and/or non-disclosure agreement as shipper may require.

² Include STCC and, for volume, typical commercial measure plus weight (with variations) and cube conversion factors.