



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
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In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Robeson	Name (first) Miriam	Name (middle) Elaine
Name of office or agency Ports of Indiana		Job title Commissioner
Address of office (number and street) 150 W Market Street, Suite 450		City Indianapolis
		ZIP code 46204
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Describe the conflict of interest:

Miriam Robeson is CEO and approximately 25% owner of 5 farm corporations located in Carroll County Indiana.

These farm corporations grow row-crop commodities, including corn, soybeans, and wheat.

Some of the commodities are marketed to the (Archer Daniels Midland) ADM terminal in Frankfort, Indiana.

All decisions regarding grain marketing, sales timing of sales, and quantity sold to ADM are made by Miriam's son,

Benjamin Pickens. Miriam's involvement with the gain sales decision-making is limited to overall organizational management.

American River Transportation Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ADM that is working with the Ports of

Indiana to finalize a lease and operating agreement at the Port of Indiana-Mt. Vernon. The proposed agreements will need

to be reviewed and approved by the Commission as well as any future decisions that may warrant Commission

review and approval.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

A screen has been implemented by the Ports of Indiana's General Counsel and Ethics Officer precluding Commissioner Miriam Robeson from participating in any vote, decision, or deliberation involving ADM or its subsidiary ARTCO. The initially proposed designation of Commissioner Miriam Robeson as the "Designated Commissioner" to finalize the proposed new lease and bulk stevedoring agreement with ARTCO has been reassigned to another commissioner. The Ports of Indiana has taken these steps in excess of caution of the potential of a conflict of interest. This conflict of disclosure was provided to Vanta E. Coda II, Chief Executive Officer and the appointing authority for the Ports of Indiana. Email is attached.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee



Date signed (month, day, year)

10-30-19

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Miriam Robeson

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer



Date signed (month, day, year)

10-30-19

Printed full name of ethics officer

Andrea Hermer

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From: Andrea Hermer
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 8:08 AM
To: Vanta Coda (vcoda@portsofindiana.com)
Cc: Ken Kaczmarek; Miriam Robeson
Subject: Executed Conflict of Interest with Implementation of Internal Screen (Commissioner Robeson) (ADM/ARTCO Matters)
Attachments: Fully Executed Conflict Disclosure (Miriam Robeson) (10-30-19).pdf

Vanta:

Pursuant to notice required under Indiana Ethic Rules, attached is a copy of executed Conflict of Interest form fully-executed by Commissioner Robeson and me as Ethics Officer. The attached will be filed with the Indiana Ethics Commission in compliance with applicable rules.

The screen implemented will preclude Commissioner Robeson's involvement on Item #6 on today's Commission meeting agenda concerning ADM/ARTCO.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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