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Opening submissions due March 12, 2020  
☒ 4/30/2020; replies due 6/15/2020.

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March 12, 2020  
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Re: **Docket No. FD 36332**  
**National Railroad Passenger Corporation -- Petition**  
**For Proceedings Under 49 U.S.C. § 24903(c)(2) – Unopposed Request**  
**for Modification of Schedule**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) hereby files this request for modification of the procedural schedule in this proceeding adopted by decision served December 5, 2019. Amtrak requests an extension of the due date for opening submissions by 31 days, from March 30, 2020 to April 30, 2020. The due date for replies would then be moved to June 15, 2020, providing the same amount of time between opening briefs and replies as exists in the current schedule. Counsel for the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (collectively “Metra”) has authorized Amtrak’s counsel to state that this request is unopposed.

The brief extension is necessary due to the disruption and uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This week has brought a rapidly expanding number of cancellations and closures. It has also created significant uncertainty as to further closures. Even if conditions stabilize, it is almost certain that there will be large scale disruptions to the work and family lives of the attorneys and clients working on this matter. Given the importance of this matter to both Parties and the scope of the opening statements, a relatively short 31 day extension will best allow them to provide the Board with the information needed to decide this matter.

Given the extraordinary circumstances, the fact that the request is unopposed, and for the

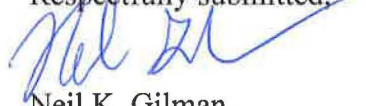
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reasons set forth above, good cause exists for modification of the procedural schedule in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil K. Gilman

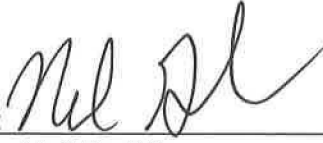
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