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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. FD 36332**
National Railroad Passenger Corporation -- Petition
For Proceeding Under 49 U.S.C. § 24903(c)(2)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Under the Scheduling Order in this matter, National Railroad Passenger Corporation's ("Amtrak") and the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority's and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation's (collectively "Metra") Opening Statements are due on April 30, 2020. These Opening Statements will contain significant amounts of information that must be redacted and documents that must be filed under seal under the Protective Order entered by the Board. In light of the current circumstances whereby counsel for the Parties are unable to access their offices and are working remotely from one another, the Parties propose the following:

1. Final Opening Statements will be served by the Parties on each other on April 30, 2020.
2. The Parties will then file with the Board both their public and non-public versions no later than May 7, 2020. The Parties have agreed that they will make no changes to the Opening Statements served on April 30, 2020.

The Parties are not requesting an extension or a modification of the schedule. Responses would remain due on June 15, 2020. The sole purpose of this request is to allow the Parties sufficient time under the current unique circumstances to put together what are likely to be difficult public filings. The Parties believe this request will have no impact on the Board's review of this matter.

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Counsel for Metra has authorized this filing on its behalf. Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 22, 2020, a copy of the foregoing letter was served by electronic mail on:

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