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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W., Room 1034
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May 15, 2020
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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 current procedural schedule in this matter adopted by decision served April 29, 2020, Opening Statements of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) and the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (collectively “Metra”) are due on May 20, 2020. These Opening Statements will contain significant amounts of information that must be redacted and documents that must be filed under seal pursuant to 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 and their staff, the Parties jointly propose the following:

1. Final unredacted Opening Statements will be filed with the Board and served on each other by the Parties on May 20, 2020.
2. The Parties will then file with the Board their public versions no later than May 27, 2020.

The Parties are ***not*** requesting an extension or modification of the procedural schedule. Responses would remain due on June 24, 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 laborious public filings. The Parties believe this request will have no impact on the

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Board's review of this matter. The Board granted a similar previous request in its decision served April 27, 2020.

Counsel for Amtrak 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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cc: Neil K. Gilman, Esq.