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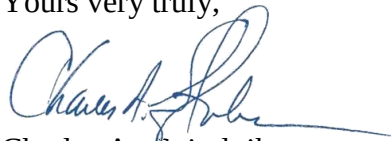
Re: STB Finance Docket No. 36420, *Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, d/b/a Metra – Petition for Declaratory Order*

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is in response to the letter submitted by Michael Rosenthal on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company (“UP”) in the above-referenced proceeding on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. UP filed two documents with this Board yesterday: (1) a Petition asking the Board to hold the proceeding in abeyance pending a decision by the U.S. District Court for the N.D. Illinois in *Union Pacific R. Co. v. Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority d/b/a/ Metra*, Case No. 1:19-cv-07957, on the procedural motions pending in that case; and (2) a letter advising the Board that UP will disregard this Board’s rules relating to replies to motions and will file a reply to the two Petitions Metra filed on July 21, in essence, at a time that it views is appropriate. Unlike UP, which believes that it can adhere to its own set of rules regarding replies to matters before the Board, Metra will promptly respond to UP’s Petition to hold the proceedings in abeyance. Metra’s reply to UP’s motion will ask the Board to deny UP’s motion in view of the emergency circumstances Metra has outlined in its Petition for Preliminary Injunction filed in this proceeding on July 21.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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cc: Michael Rosenthal, Esq.