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The Honorable Allison C. Davis
Director
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

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Re: The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Petition for Declaratory Order - STB Docket FD 36075

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of June 19, 2020 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-referenced matter by August 17, 2020. Pursuant to the Board's Order, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific submit the following joint status report:

In our series of status reports, the parties have advised the Board that they were independently discussing a settlement and asked the Board to allow them to continue their discussions before participating in Board-sponsored mediation. The parties also have indicated they believed they had made progress toward settlement of the matter, including executing a letter of intent which establishes the framework for a final agreement. We are pleased to report that the parties believe that they have reached an agreement in principal and are currently finalizing its terms and associated collateral agreements and securing necessary authorities. Therefore, we seek an additional 60-day period to complete the documents.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than October 26, 2020 and no later than November 23, 2020, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/ Robert T. Lane
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cc: Attached Service List

Certificate of Service

I, Robert Lane, certify that I have this 17th day of August 2020 filed the foregoing Joint Status Report and served it on the 17th day of August 2020 upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email or U.S. mail.

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