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Mr. William Brennan, Director
Attn: Alexander Dusenberry
Office of Economics
Surface Transportation Board

Dear Mr. Brennan,

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is currently working on a Northeast Freight Railroad Intermodal (FRIIP) Study. ECWRPC has received Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program and Metropolitan Planning funding and is under a contract agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. ECWRPC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Appleton (Fox Cities), Oshkosh, and staff for the Fond du Lac MPO. ECWRPC is working with a variety of partner organization including but not limited to the Green Bay MPO, New North, and WisDOT.

We hereby request 2018 and 2019 Waybill samples of railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through Wisconsin on behalf of our consultant, CPCS Transcom Inc.

The ECWRPC has contracted with CPCS to conduct a market feasibility assessment examining the potential for development of a new truck-rail transload terminal in Northeastern Wisconsin. This potential terminal would be an economic development asset for the region's communities, as it would provide local business establishments with the opportunity to transload goods locally, instead of utilizing intermodal terminals elsewhere in the Midwest.

The STB carload waybill sample will allow CPCS to analyze US rail traffic required for the following tasks: synthesizing rail-based commodity flows, understanding rail transloading characteristics, and modeling logistics costs of specific rail routes. This specific information will remain confidential; any findings that use STB confidential waybill sample data will be shared with STB for approval prior to publication. The sample allows CPCS staff to do special tabulations into specific station locator codes that will enable them to look at or validate specific routes, costs, lines, and to compare with information that railroads provide.

The names and contact information of staff who will work directly with the data are:

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Matthew Halada at (920) 556-6823.

Sincerely,



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