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The Honorable Allison C. Davis
Director
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

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 December 30, 2020 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-referenced matter by March 5, 2021. 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. The parties believe that they have reached an agreement in principle and are currently finalizing its terms and associated collateral agreements and securing necessary approvals. Therefore, we seek an additional 30-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 April 8, 2021 and no later than May 5, 2021, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/ Robert T. Lane
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Certificate of Service

I, Robert Lane, certify that I have this 5th day of March, 2021, filed the foregoing Joint Status Report and served it on the 5th day of March, 2021, upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email or U.S. mail.

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