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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
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 191X)**
Illinois Central Railroad Company – Abandonment
Exemption – In Jefferson County, Illinois

Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 337X)
Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment
Exemption - In Jefferson County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

By notice of exemption served in the above-captioned proceedings and published in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 70221) on November 4, 2020, Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (“UP”) were authorized to abandon approximately 100 feet of jointly-owned railroad line extending from Milepost 10.53 to Milepost 10.55 at the railroad bridge overpass of State Route 148 (County Road 600E) south of the Village of Waltonville in Jefferson County, Illinois (the “Bridge Track”). By decision served December 3, 2020, the abandonment exemption was made subject to a condition that IC and UP coordinate with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) regarding abandonment-related salvage activities. The IC-UP abandonment exemption became effective on December 4, 2020.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC and UP hereby provide notice that they exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the Bridge Track as of August 26, 2021. The railroad bridge overpass on the Bridge Track has been removed to accommodate IDOT’s pending road-improvement project on State Route 148, as contemplated in proceedings at the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. T16-0099, *State of Illinois, Department of Transportation v. BNSF Railway Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company*.

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Counsel for UP has authorized the submission of this notice of consummation by the undersigned on UP's behalf.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Thomas J. Litwiler*

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