

February 9, 2022

Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Via e-filing

Re: Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company—Adverse Discontinuance of Trackage Rights—Housatonic Railroad Company, STB Docket No. AB-1311

Dear Ms. Brown:

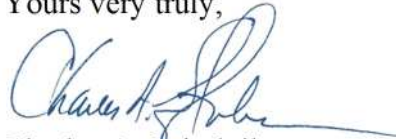
By its decision issued on July 16, 2021, this Board held the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance due to disputes over discovery that had arisen. By further order served on August 12, 2021, the Board partially removed the proceedings from that abeyance in order to allow an Administrative Law Judge to resolve those discovery disputes.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Board that the discovery process in this matter is now complete. Both parties have responded to all of the other's discovery requests in accordance with the conferences held with ALJ Thomas McCarthy, and the matter is now ready for the proceedings to resume. Accordingly, Metro-North Commuter Railroad ("MNR") hereby requests that the Board restore this proceeding to active consideration, and set a procedural schedule as follows:

- Housatonic Railroad Company ("HRRC") Reply to the Petition filed by MNR in this proceeding: 14 days following the Board's order restoring the matter to active consideration; and
- MNR Response to HRRC's Reply: 14 days after HRRC submission.

If there are any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours very truly,



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Cc: All parties of record