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Re: Wisconsin Central, Ltd. – Petition for Declaratory Order – Interchange with Soo Line Railroad Company, STB Docket No. FD 36397

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 22, 2022, we filed the Reply of the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority d/b/a Metra (“Metra”) to Post Remand Brief of Wisconsin Central Ltd. and Correspondence from Soo Line Railroad Company (the “Metra Reply”) in this proceeding. This is to advise that Metra is hereby withdrawing the Metra Reply in its entirety.

Moreover, this is to advise that, for reasons related to the impact of the interchange between the two railroads on Metra’s operations if such interchange were to occur at Spaulding, Metra would prefer that the interchange take place at the Belt Railway Company of Chicago’s Clearing Yard. Metra otherwise takes no position as to the merits of the issues remaining to be resolved by this Board following the remand from the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in *Wisconsin Central Ltd. v. STB*, 20 F.4th 292 (7th Cir. 2021).

Sincerely,



Charles A. Spitulnik

cc: All parties of record