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Subject: Canadian Pacific Acquisition of Kansas City Southern Environmental Impact Statement: Metra Data Request

Ms. Thomas:

I am collecting information for a Project that my firm, VHB, is conducting on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (Board) and I was hoping you could assist regarding Metra data.

On October 29, 2021, Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) filed an application with the Board seeking authorization for CP to acquire KCS. To assess potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed acquisition, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). VHB has been contracted to prepare the EIS in consultation with OEA. As part of the EIS, we will be evaluating potential impacts on passenger rail operating capacity as a result of the proposed acquisition.

CP has indicated to OEA that one commuter rail line in which it has operating rights over will experience an increase of one or more freight trains per day as a result of the acquisition, a 34.3-mile section of **Metra's Milwaukee District West Line between Tower A5 in Chicago (also known as Pacific Junction) and Alton, IL (near Elgin)**. We are seeking your assistance in collecting information regarding the **Metra Milwaukee District West Line**, including:

- **Operating schedules** including both revenue and non-revenue trains, for the pre-acquisition Base Year 2019, the last pre-pandemic year,
- **Operating agreements** between Metra and CP indicating agreed upon operating windows/slots for each operator, and
- **Other considerations** in the corridor such as funded future capital or operating investments.

We are in the process of developing the EIS and are hoping to collect all data to inform the analysis by January 4, 2022.

Please let me know if this is information you have and could share with me, or if there is someone else at Metra I should contact. I look forward to coordinating with Metra regarding the data needs for this EIS. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

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