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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
141 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
170 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Baldwin and Capito,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Board's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in Reciprocal Switching for Inadequate Service, Docket No. EP 711 (Sub-No. 2). The Board appreciates hearing your views on the NPRM, and the potential positive impacts it will have on shippers.

As you may be aware, on September 25, 2023, the Association of American Railroads filed a motion seeking a 90-day extension of the opening comment period in this proceeding. On September 29, 2023, the Board partially granted the request, finding that an extension of 15 days would reasonably accommodate potential commenters while also ensuring timely consideration of the issues. Comments on the NPRM are now due on November 7, 2023, and replies are due by December 6, 2023.

Because this matter is pending, I cannot comment further, however, please be assured the Board will fully consider all public comments and submissions in this proceeding, and that stakeholders can expect prompt action on this proposal. A copy of your letter has been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Oberman
Chairman