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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36727, CSX Transportation, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation—Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C.

Dear Ms. Brown:

On October 31, 2023, Illinois Central Railroad Company (“CN”) submitted a Reply to Combined Norfolk Southern Notice of Intent to Participate and Request to Hold CPKC/CSXT Transcon Corridor Transaction In Abeyance, filed on October 25, 2023, in the following dockets: FD 36732, FD 36731, FD 36727, FD 36730, FD 36724, AB 1335X, and AB 55 (Sub-No. 814X).

In its Reply, CN claims that it supports Norfolk Southern’s request that the STB¹ “consolidate” the CSXT and CPKC transactions to ensure that the STB considers the impact of the transactions on traffic involving Jackson, MS. As explained by CSXT in its response to Norfolk Southern’s request (CSXT-3), there is no reason to delay consideration of the Applications in FD 36727 and FD 36732, or to require a refiling of the Applications to address issues relating to expected changes in traffic. The existing Applications have adequately addressed the impact of expected changes in traffic volumes, and any issues raised by Norfolk Southern or CN related to expected changes in traffic can be fully addressed in proceedings initiated by the existing filings.

CSXT urges the STB to reject CN’s request.

¹ The acronyms and defined terms used in this Letter are the same as those used in CSXT’s Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have caused this Letter in Docket No. FD 36727 to be served electronically or by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on all parties of record in this proceeding.

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