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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Finance Docket No. 36734

**SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY a/k/a CPKC – PETITION FOR
DECLARATORY ORDER**

JOINT UPDATE ON STATUS OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

On October 27, 2023, Soo Line Railroad Company a/k/a CPKC, filed a petition seeking a declaratory order that certain actions by the State of Wisconsin related to railroad bridge repairs are subject to federal preemption. On January 10, 2024, the State of Wisconsin (the “State”) filed its Reply in opposition to the petition in which the State indicated a desire to resume settlement negotiations. CPKC and the State have agreed to resume settlement discussions. Accordingly, the parties jointly moved to hold these proceedings in abeyance on February 2, 2024; on February 5, 2024, the Board granted that motion. In their moving papers, the parties agreed to report to the Board on progress towards settlement no later than April 1, 2024. This is that report.

The parties continue to make progress toward settlement and will hold a settlement conference on May 1, 2024. Thus, the parties request the Board continue to hold these proceedings in abeyance. The parties will report back to the Board no later than June 1, 2024.

Dated: March 29, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of March, 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing **JOINT UPDATE ON STATUS OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS** to be served by e-mail or first class mail upon all parties of record.

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