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Via E-Filing

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

Re: SMS Rail Service, Inc.
Petition for Declaratory Order of Township of Pilesgrove, Salem County, NJ; &
Petition for Leave to Intervene of Township of Mannington, Salem County, NJ
STB Finance Docket No. 36770

Dear Ms. Brown:

I represent SMS Rail Service, Inc. ("SMS") regarding the above matter. I am writing to request that the Board allow me a brief extension of time to file SMS's reply evidence and argument presently due on December 9, 2024, per the Board's Decision, served October 24, 2024.

I have been away from my office since the Thanksgiving holiday due to having the flu and have not been able to meet with my client to finalize SMS's reply. Under these circumstances, I respectfully request a one-week extension to submit the reply for SMS, to **on or before Monday, December 16, 2025**. I suggest that such date also apply to submissions by other interested persons. I do not anticipate that this time will impact the deadline for rebuttal submissions due by January 7, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert A. Klein
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cc: All parties shown on the attached service list

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It is hereby certified that on this 5th day of December, 2024, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing correspondence in the manner indicated below upon the following counsel for the parties:

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