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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 36768, *City of Philadelphia – Petition for Declaratory Order*

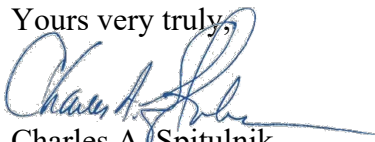
Dear Ms. Brown:

We represent the City of Philadelphia in the above-referenced proceeding. The City appreciates the attention the Board is paying to the substantive issues raised by this proceeding, and we look forward to receiving the Board's decision in the matter.

The City filed its Petition for Declaratory Order in April 2024, and Reading International filed its reply on June 3, 2024. Since that time several parties have filed letters or statements in support of the positions raised in this proceeding, and there have been no new substantive issues raised since June 2024.¹ In view of the length of time since the last pleadings addressing the substantive issues raised in this proceeding have been filed, the City would like to have the opportunity to address any questions the Board members may have about those issues if there are any such questions that are not fully addressed in the pleadings already of record. The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether there are any such issues, and if so, to respectfully ask the Board to advise the parties so that the matter can proceed to resolution as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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Counsel for the City of Philadelphia

Cc: All parties

¹ U.S. Senator the Hon. John Fetterman and U.S. Representative the Hon. Brendan Boyle have filed letters in support of the City's position. In addition, on August 1, 2024, Mr. Eric Strohmeyer filed a Notice of Intent to Participate, a Reply, and a Motion to Dismiss. The City and Reading International have replied to Mr. Strohmeyer.