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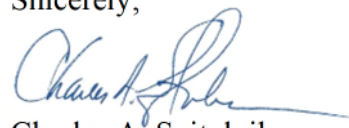
Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
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Re: *The Commuter Rail Division of The Regional Transportation Authority and The  
Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Transportation Authority D/B/A Metra—  
Adverse Abandonment—Omnitrax/Chicago Rail Link, STB Docket No. AB 1337*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned proceeding is the Status Update on behalf  
of the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and Northeast Illinois  
Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (collectively, "Metra").

Sincerely,

  
Charles A. Spitulnik

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE  
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REGIONAL COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY D/B/A  
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**STATUS UPDATE**

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The Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, an Illinois municipal corporation, and Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation, an Illinois public corporation (collectively, “Metra”), and Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C., a Class III common carrier (“CRL”), submit this status update in response to the February 27, 2024, decision of the Surface Transportation Board (“Board”).

Despite continued negotiations, Metra and CRL have been unable to resolve this matter. Metra therefore intends to file an amended petition for partial waivers of abandonment regulations to take into account the inclusion of an additional contiguous segment of track owned by Norfolk Southern Railway. Metra expects to file its amended petition for partial waivers within the next ten days, at which time it will also request that the Board remove the proceeding from abeyance.

CRL has been informed of Metra’s intent to reinstate these proceedings.



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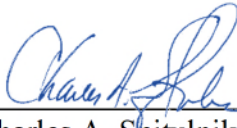
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Dated: December 4, 2025

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have, this 4th day of December 2025, served by email a copy of the foregoing Status Update on all parties of record in this proceeding.

  
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