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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. FD 36873

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

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**NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN
RAILWAY COMPANY**

**NOTICE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
BLOCKED CROSSINGS EMPHASIZED
CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS**

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's Rules of Practice, the City of Decatur, Illinois hereby files this Notice of Participation in the above-referenced proceeding.

The City of Decatur is a municipal government located in Macon County, Illinois and is traversed by multiple rail corridors that intersect local arterial streets, emergency response routes, school transportation routes, and access to critical facilities. Rail operations within the City include numerous at-grade crossings that are integral to daily traffic circulation and public safety.

The City files this Notice of Participation to preserve its right to participate in this proceeding and to submit comments, information, or requests for appropriate mitigation related to potential local impacts arising from the proposed transaction or from alternative operating scenarios evaluated by the applicants or the Board. In particular, the City seeks to ensure that the Surface Transportation Board's review considers the potential for increased frequency and duration of blocked grade crossings, including effects associated with changes in train volumes, train length, scheduling, and yard or switching operations.

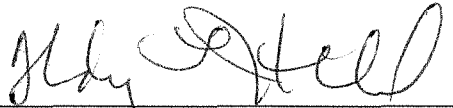
Prolonged or recurrent blockage of rail crossings may affect emergency response times, traffic operations, and neighborhood access within the City. The City therefore reserves the right

to provide location-specific information regarding crossings, emergency routes, and operational conditions, and to request reasonable mitigation measures if warranted.

The City of Decatur takes no position at this time regarding the merits of the proposed transaction. This filing is intended solely to ensure that the City's transportation, safety, and community interests may be appropriately considered in the Board's evaluation.

Please add Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel for the City of Decatur (wmorthland@decaturil.gov, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523), to the service list for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

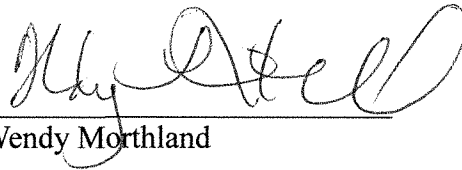
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DATED: 3.2.26_____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing City of Decatur's Notice of Intent to Participate has been electronically filed with the Surface Transportation Board and served on all parties of record in this proceeding by electronic mail or first class mail this 3rd of March 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Morthland", is written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Morthland

Corporation Counsel, City of Decatur