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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36873

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

– CONTROL –

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE OF GULF COAST RAIL DISTRICT

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's rules of practice, including 49 C.F.R. Part

1104, Gulf Coast Rail District respectfully submits this Notice of Intent to Participate as a Party of Record in the above-captioned proceeding.

The Gulf Coast Rail District (GCRD) is a Texas political subdivision formed by Harris County, the City of Houston, and Fort Bend County to enhance rail and passenger transportation, improve safety at crossings, and increase regional mobility and quality of life. Supported early by Port Houston, GCRD promotes multimodal solutions including commuter rail and bus rapid transit.

The Gulf Coast Rail District has no predetermined position regarding the proposed transaction and submits this notice to ensure that it may monitor the proceeding, review the evidentiary record, and participate as appropriate as the Surface Transportation Board evaluates whether the proposed transaction is consistent with public interest under applicable statutes and regulations.

As the Board's review progresses, Gulf Coast Rail District may wish to provide rail-related information or perspectives relevant to our region.

Notice preserves Gulf Coast Rail District's ability to participate in the proceeding should it determine that further engagement is warranted.

All communication regarding this proceeding should be directed to:

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Certification of Service

I certify that I have this day served a copy of this Notice of Intent to Participate upon all parties of record in this proceeding, including counsel for Union Pacific Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the assigned Administrative Law Judge, by electronic mail, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12.

Dated: 4.23.2026

Respectfully submitted,

"/s/” *Veronica Chapa Gorczynski*

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Chair

Gulf Coast Rail District