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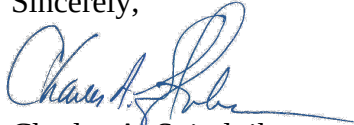
Re: *The Commuter Rail Division of The Regional Transportation Authority and The
Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Transportation Authority D/B/A/ Metra—
Adverse Abandonment—Omnitrax/Chicago Rail Link, STB AB 1337*

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

I am attaching for e-filing this Joint Status Update on behalf of the Commuter Rail
Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter
Railroad Corporation and Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C. in the above-captioned proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Spitulnik

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

STB Docket No. AB 1337

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AUTHORITY AND THE NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER
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JOINT 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 joint status update pursuant to the Board’s order issued on April 30, 2026 in these proceedings.

The parties have re-engaged in negotiations since Metra’s last filing. Metra has presented a new proposal to CRL, which CRL has been receptive to in concept, and CRL is currently undertaking a review of substantive term details that Metra has submitted to it. The parties are also working on an agreed schedule for negotiations concerning the new proposal. The parties request that the STB continue to hold this proceeding in abeyance to allow for progression of these negotiations. The parties take note of the condition to file a status report every 120 days, such that the next status report will be due September 4, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, this 7th day of May, 2026, served by email a copy of the foregoing
Joint Status Update on all parties of record in this proceeding.

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