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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

Re: The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Petition for Declaratory Order – STB Docket FD 36075

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am outside counsel for the Illinois Tollway. I have attached a status report from the parties to the above referenced matter. Pursuant to the Board's Order, this report was due yesterday, October 29, 2018. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, I was not able to transmit the Status Report for the parties. As recited in the Report, the parties continue to work towards a resolution of this matter and believe they are making progress on their negotiations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours very truly,



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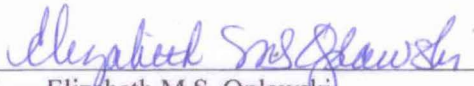
This letter responds to the Board's Order of September 26, 2018 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-reference matter by October 29, 2018.

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific file this status report jointly. In their most recent September 26, 2018 status report, the parties advised the Board that they were independently discussing a settlement and asked the Board to allow them to continue their discussions before participating in Board-sponsored mediation. The parties also indicated they believed they had made progress toward settlement of the matter, including executing a letter of intent which establishes the framework for a final agreement. The parties are continuing to work toward a final definitive agreement and associated collateral agreements and seek an additional 30-day period to do so.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than December 5, 2018 and no later than January 3, 2019, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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