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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. 20423-0001

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

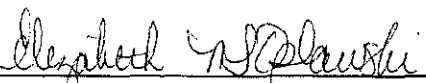
This letter responds to the Board's Order of June 30, 2017 seeking a status report from the parties by August 10, 2017.

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific jointly file this status report. The parties continue to engage in settlement discussions regarding the matters pending before the Board and desire to continue with additional direct settlement discussions before participating in Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary. Accordingly, the parties request that any such Board-sponsored mediation be scheduled to commence not earlier than September 11, 2017 and no later than October 16, 2017, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a
Canadian Pacific

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Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski
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By: 
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 10th day of August, 2017 served copies of the letter to the Surface Transportation Board executed by representatives of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific in response to the Board's Order of June 30, 2017, upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail.

/s/ Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski