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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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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

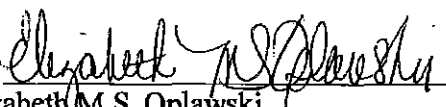
Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of May 31, 2017, directing the parties to inform the Board by June 15, 2017 as to whether they agree to engage in Board-sponsored mediation.

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific have conferred and agreed to engage in Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary. The parties also have agreed to continue to engage in direct settlement discussions first. The parties therefore request that any such Board-sponsored mediation be scheduled to commence no earlier than August 14, 2017 and no later than September 12, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Canadian Pacific

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 15th day of June, 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 May 31, 2017, upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail.

/s/ Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski