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The Honorable Tim Walberg
United States House of Representatives
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
United States House of Representatives
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Walberg and Representative Dingell:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a pending rate case challenge before the Surface Transportation Board (Board), Consumers Energy Co. v. CSX Transportation, Inc., NOR 42142. The Board understands and appreciates your continued interest in this case.

As you know, on January 13, 2015, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) filed a complaint with Board challenging the reasonableness of rates established by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) for moving unit train shipments of coal to Consumers' generating station near West Olive, Michigan, from an interchange with BNSF Railway Company near Chicago, Illinois. The parties last evidentiary filings were received on April 13, 2017, and the Board is required to issue a decision by January 12, 2018. Nevertheless, despite the complexity of this case, the Board is committed to resolving this rate dispute as soon as possible.

Because this proceeding is pending, I cannot comment on the merits of the case. However, please be assured that the Board is actively working to resolve this matter. A copy of your letter has been placed in the docket for this proceeding. If you have further questions, please contact Lucille Marvin, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at (202) 245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman