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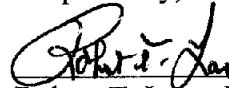
**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36075
THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY
FOR DECLARATORY ORDER**

To: See Attached Service List

Be advised that I have filed with the Clerk of the Surface Transportation Board on August 2, 2019 the parties' joint status report dated August 1, 2019, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

Respectfully,

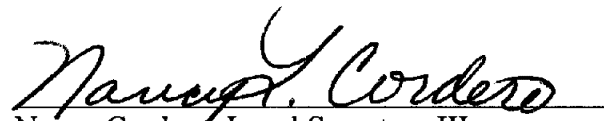


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by email and/or U.S. Mail consistent with 49 C.F.R. 1105.12(a).



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August 1, 2019

The Honorable Allison C. Davis
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Petition for Declaratory Order - STB Docket FD 36075

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of June 13, 2019 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-reference matter by August 2, 2019. The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific submit the following joint status report:

In our series of status reports, the parties have 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 have 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. We assure you the parties are continuing to work toward a final definitive agreement and associated collateral agreements and seek an additional 60-day period to continue to do so.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than October 8, 2019 and no later than November 14, 2019, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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