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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 643X), CSX Transportation, Inc.,
In La Porte, Porter and Starke Counties, IN
Petition to Reopen Offer of Financial Assistance Proceeding**

**FD 36076, Chesapeake And Indiana Railroad Company
Petition for Declaratory Relief**

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of both the Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad Company ("CKIN" or "Petitioner") regarding the above-captioned proceedings.

CKIN and the Town of North Judson, IN ("the Town") are presently engaged in negotiations to resolve their dispute which has led CKIN to petition the Board for relief. The parties held settlement negotiations earlier this week and believe that they will achieve a mutually satisfactory resolution of their dispute. Accordingly, CKIN requests that the Board hold in abeyance its Petition for Reconsideration and Motion to Strike ("Petition") filed on June 20, 2017, for 30 days to allow them to reach a definitive settlement. Should the parties execute a settlement agreement, CKIN will withdraw its Petition with prejudice. Counsel for the Town has authorized me to advise that it consents to this request.

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Respectfully yours,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John D. Heffner, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Request to Hold Proceeding in Advance" was sent by electronic mail to all parties of record in this proceeding.

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