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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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**Re: *Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under 49 U.S.C.
§ 24308(a) – Canadian National Railway Company (Docket No. FD 35743)***

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of all parties (Illinois Central Railroad Company and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (“CN”), and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”)), I write to inform the Board that the parties have jointly requested, and Judge Dring has approved, suspension of the hearing on CN’s pending motion to compel that was, in accordance with Judge Dring’s order served January 4, 2017, scheduled for January 23, 2017.

CN’s motion remains pending, and the hearing will be rescheduled if needed. However, the parties are currently engaged in discussions aimed at resolving the discovery dispute. The parties will report to Judge Dring no later than February 13, 2017, whether they have reached a compromise, are unable to reach a compromise, or need more time to negotiate.

Very truly yours,



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and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company*

cc: John P. Dring, *Administrative Law Judge*
Reed W. Neuman, *Counsel for National Passenger Rail Corporation*