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**Re: STB Finance Docket No. 36178, Metropolitan Council – Petition for
Declaratory Order**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On July 3rd, the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) filed a letter in this proceeding and proposed that the Board hold a technical conference to enable Board staff to question witnesses appearing in this proceeding. The Council proposed a date of July 13th for this technical conference. The letter was filed with the consent of counsel for the Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (“TCW”).

The issues in this case are of particular concern to the freight rail shippers whose traffic is transported over the subject rail line. As you know, fourteen of these shippers explained their concerns in the Comments filed on June 27th by the TCW Shippers Coalition. Due to the interest of Coalition members in this proceeding, the Coalition would like to have a representative present at the proposed technical conference, assuming it goes forward.

Consequently, the Coalition respectfully requests to be kept informed regarding the proposed technical conference. Contact can be maintained through the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,



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Cooperative, and on behalf of the TCW Shippers
Coalition*

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