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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

Re: The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Petition for Declaratory Order - STB Docket FD 36075

Dear Ms. Brown:

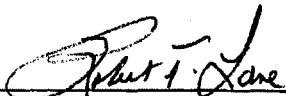
This letter responds to the Board's Order of February 26, 2019 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-referenced matter by April 1, 2019. As directed by the Board, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific submit the following joint status report:

In their most recent February 21, 2019 status report, the parties 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 indicated that 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. The parties are continuing to work toward a final definitive agreement and associated collateral agreements and seek an additional 30-day period to do so.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than May 6, 2019 and no later than June 10, 2019, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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