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Washington, DC 20585

June 29, 2012

Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Office of Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20420-0001

RE: Docket Nos. 38302S and 38376S

Dear Chairman Elliott:

The order entered in these dockets July 27, 2005 (served August 2, 2005, and effective September 1, 2005), approving the Government's settlement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, further held these proceedings in abeyance while directing the Government to file quarterly reports on the progress of settlement negotiations. The Government continues to pursue settlement with individual carriers and has been engaged in separate discussions with individual railroad defendants BNSF and Norfolk Southern.

We continue actively to pursue our settlement efforts with both BNSF and Norfolk Southern. While we are not yet able to report a signed agreement with BNSF, we have made additional progress towards finalizing the settlement documents to be presented for Board approval. We also continue efforts toward a settlement and finalized settlement documents with Norfolk Southern. We will file a further report by the end of September 2012.

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Sincerely,

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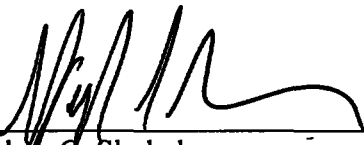


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