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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-00001

Re: The Illinois Tollway Authority Petition for Declaratory Order
STB Docket No. FD 36075

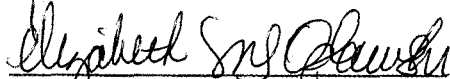
Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of September 18, 2017 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-referenced matter by October 9, 2017.

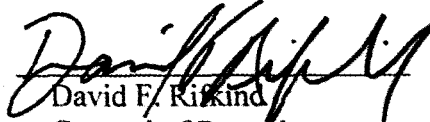
The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific jointly file this status report. In their most recent September 8, 2017 status report, the parties advised the Board that they were independently discussing a settlement and asked the Board to allow them to continue their discussions for 30 days before participating in Board-sponsored mediation. The parties continue to engage in settlement discussions and desire to continue with additional direct settlement discussions prior to participating in Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate. Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation be scheduled to begin no earlier than November 15, 2017 and no later than December 13, 2017, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 6th day of October, 2017 served copies of the letter to the Surface Transportation Board executed by representatives of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific in response to the Board's Order of September 18, 2017, upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail.

/s/ Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski