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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

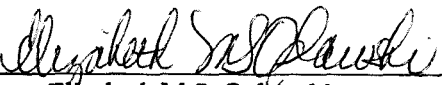
Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of November 9, 2017 seeking a status report from the parties in the above referenced matter by November 29, 2017.

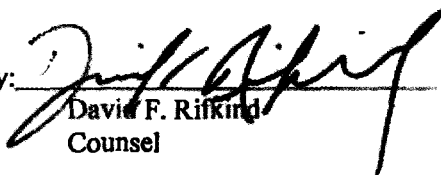
The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific jointly file this status report. In their prior November 8, 2017 status report, the parties advised the Board that they were independently discussing a settlement and asked the Board to allow them to continue their discussions before participating in Board-sponsored mediation. The parties continue to engage in settlement discussions and desire to continue with additional direct settlement discussion 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 January 10, 2018, and no later than January 22, 2018, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 29th day of November, 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 November 9, 2017, upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail.

/s/ Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski