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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO.: <u>46489</u>
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	APPROVED: <u>[Signature]</u> Acting Director
☒ <u>status report due by</u> <u>7.2.18.</u>	

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 May 2, 2018 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-reference matter by June 1, 2018.

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 May 1, 2018 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 they believed they had made progress toward settlement of the matter. The parties remain in that belief and seek an additional 30-day period to continue their discussions and work.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than July 9, 2018 and no later than August 9, 2018, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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