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The Honorable Allison C. Davis
Acting Director,
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO. 47071
	DECIDED DATE: 6/13/2019
	SERVED DATE: 6/14/2019
	APPROVED: <i>Allison C. Davis</i> Director
Parties to submit status report ☒ by 8/2/2019	

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

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter responds to the Board's Order of May 1, 2019 (served May 2, 2019) seeking a status report from the parties in the above-reference matter by June 3, 2019. The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific for their joint status report state:

First, please accept my apologies for the tardiness of this report. In our most recent 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, including executing a letter of intent which establishes the framework for a final agreement. We assure you the parties are continuing to work toward a final definitive agreement and associated collateral agreements and seek an additional 60-day period to continue to do so.

Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than August 9, 2019 and no later than September 12, 2019, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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