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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

 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO.: <u>46039</u>
	DECIDED DATE: <u>9/18/17</u>
	SERVICE DATE: <u>9/19/2017</u>
	APPROVED: <u>Rachel D. Campbell</u> Director
	☒ Parties to submit status report by <u>10/9/17</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 August 22, 2017 seeking a status report from the parties in the above referenced matter by September 8, 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 August 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 discussion prior to participating in Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary. Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation be scheduled to begin no earlier than October 16, and no later than November 13, 2017, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
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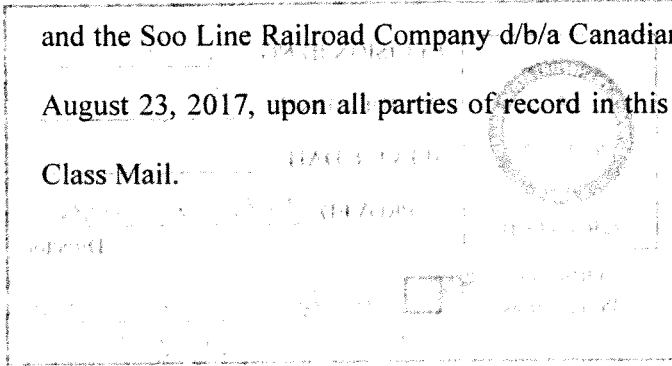
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 8th day of September, 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 August 23, 2017, upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail or U.S. First Class Mail.



/s/ Elizabeth M.S. Oplawski