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REQUEST FOR MEDIATION PURSUANT TO 49 CFR§ 1109.1

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Illinois Central Railroad Company the respondent in this matter hereby requests that the Board conduct ADR mediation in this matter and stay the matter in abeyance for a 90 day period pursuant to 49 CFR § 1109.1 The Board obtains authority to conduct ADR pursuant to 5 USC § 571 and 572.

Both parties to this matter consent to this request. The parties are of the opinion that a mediation conducted at the Board with the principals present may result in an efficient and effective resolution of the issues regarding the disputes between the parties as to the alleged poor service provided by the carrier and the alleged legal obligations of the shipper to pay the demurrage charges assessed by the carrier.

This parties note that their several issues in dispute regarding the service provided and the bills assessed that could be addressed in mediation as contemplated by 5 USC § 571 (3) and the outcome would not come within any of the reasons for not using ADR found at 5 USC § 572 (b).

The parties request that the dates for briefing set by the Board be held in abeyance until the mediation can be completed. Both parties are of the opinion that said ADR mediation will result in an efficient resolution of this dispute without the need for extensive briefing and lengthy proceeding.

Whereupon the parties therefore request a stay of the matter and an order providing for ADR to be held in that period.

Respectfully Submitted,

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