

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

310756

Finance Docket No. 36734

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Office of Chief Counsel
January 16, 2026
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**SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY a/k/a CPKC – PETITION FOR
DECLARATORY ORDER**

JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE

On October 27, 2023, Soo Line Railroad Company a/k/a CPKC, filed a petition seeking a declaratory order that certain actions by the State of Wisconsin related to railroad bridge repairs are subject to federal preemption. On January 10, 2024, the State of Wisconsin (the “State”) filed its Reply in opposition to the petition in which the State indicated a desire to resume settlement negotiations. CPKC and the State then agreed to resume settlement discussions and moved the Board to hold the matter in abeyance. The matter was stayed on February 5, 2024. The State moved to end the stay in December 2024, and CPKC did not oppose this motion, but the Board took no action on that request.

The parties subsequently agreed to reenter settlement negotiations and thereby jointly moved to continue holding the proceeding in abeyance for sixty days on November 17, 2025, to end January 19, 2026. Settlement negotiations are continuing, and the parties request an additional sixty days. The parties will report back to the Board no later than March 20, 2026.



GRANTED

Office of
Chief Counsel ☐

DECISION ID NO.: 52892
DECIDED DATE: 1/21/2026
SERVED DATE: 1/21/2026
APPROVED: *Andr. Cam*
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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of January 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE to be served by e-mail upon all parties of record.

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