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July 25, 2023

Mr. Francis O'Connor
Acting Director
Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Mr. Alexander Dusenberry
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

Bi-State Regional Commission is currently working on the Bi-State Regional Freight Plan Addendum. Bi-State Regional Commission is a local, voluntary organization of five counties and 47 municipalities covering the area around the "Quad Cities" centered on Davenport and Bettendorf in southeastern Iowa, and Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline in northwestern Illinois. Within the Bi-State Regional Commission is the Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which serves as the MPO for the Davenport, IA-IL urbanized area.

We hereby request the 2021 Carload Waybill Sample of railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through Illinois and Iowa on behalf of our consultants, CPCS, and WSP USA, Inc.

The Bi-State Regional Commission has contracted with a consultant team led by CPCS, which includes WSP USA, Inc. as a subconsultant. The Bi-State Regional Freight Plan Addendum will refresh freight data, provide an updated understanding of goods movements, and develop modal profiles. The Carload Waybill Sample will allow CPCS and WSP USA to analyze North American freight rail traffic required for the following task:

- Conducting an updated commodity flow analysis of the tonnage and number of carloads/units moved via railroad to, from, and through the region.

This specific information will remain confidential. Any findings that use the Confidential Waybill Sample will be shared with the STB for approval prior to publication.

The names of staff who will work directly with the data are:

- Alex King, WSP
- Sebastian Guerrero, WSP
- Matt Stratton, WSP

Thank you for your assistance in accessing this data. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Gena McCullough, AICP at gmccullough@bistateonline.org, (309)793-6300, Ext. 1146.

Sincerely,

Denise Bulat
Executive Director

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