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The Honorable Allison C. Davis
Acting Director,
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-00001

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

Dear Ms. Davis:

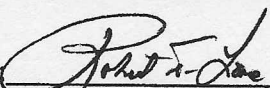
This letter responds to the Board's Order of August 6, 2019 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-reference matter by October 1, 2019. The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific submit the following joint status report:

In our series of status reports, the parties have 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 have 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. Please be advised that 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.

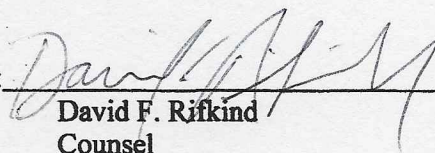
Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than December 10, 2019 and no later than January 14, 2020, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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