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The Honorable Allison C. Davis
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 October 22, 2020 seeking a status report from the parties in the above-referenced matter by December 29, 2020. Pursuant to the Board's Order, 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. The parties believe that they have reached an agreement in principal and are currently finalizing its terms and associated collateral agreements and securing necessary approvals. Therefore, we seek an additional 60-day period to complete the documents.

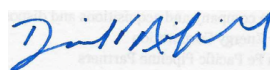
Accordingly, the parties agree that any Board-sponsored mediation, if necessary or appropriate, be scheduled to begin no earlier than March 8, 2021 and no later than April 5, 2021, unless otherwise requested by the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a
Canadian Pacific

By: /s/ Robert T. Lane
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cc: Attached Service List

Certificate of Service

I, Robert T. Lane, certify that I have, on this 29th day of December 2020, filed the foregoing Joint Status Report and served it on the 29th day of December 2020, upon all parties of record in this proceeding by Electronic Mail.

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