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Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Office of Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20420-0001

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RE

RE: Docket Nos. 38302S and 38376S

Dear Chairman Elliott:

The order entered in these dockets July 27, 2005 (served August 2, 2005, and effective September 1, 2005), approving the Government's settlement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, further held these proceedings in abeyance while directing the Government to file quarterly reports on the progress of settlement negotiations. The Government continues to pursue settlement with individual carriers and has been engaged in separate discussions with individual railroad defendants Norfolk Southern and BNSF.

In our most recent report, we indicated that the Government and Norfolk Southern met on June 3, 2010, and that BNSF and the Government met on June 25, 2010. We subsequently have had separate follow-up exchanges with both carriers. While we are not yet in a position to report completed agreements with either Norfolk Southern or BNSF, we have made significant progress. We plan to continue our efforts to achieve settlements with both carriers. We will file a further report by the end of December 2010.

Sincerely,

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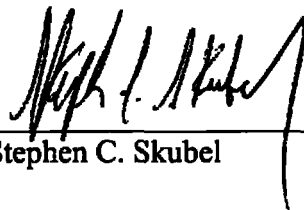
cc: Vice Chairman Francis P. Mulvey
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Attached Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stephen C. Skubel, hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing document by prepaid first-class mail this 29th day of September 2010, on the following:

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