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**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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Public Record

**Finance Docket No. 36734**

**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 successive sixty day periods starting on November 17, 2025, the most recent of which ended on March 20, 2026.

The parties are pleased to report that settlement discussions are progressing and request the Board hold these proceedings in abeyance for an additional 60 days. The parties will report back no later than June 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 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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