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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. FD 36332**
National Railroad Passenger Corporation – Petition for Proceedings
under 49 U.S.C. § 24903 (c)(2)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Petitioner National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) and Respondents Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation and the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (“Metra”) (Amtrak and Metra collectively “the Parties”) hereby update the Board on the progress of Board-sponsored mediation, and request an extension of the mediation period. Counsel for Amtrak has authorized this filing on its behalf.

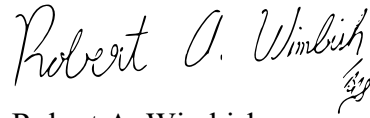
On July 6, 2020, the Board, pursuant to the Parties’ request, ordered mediation. The mediation period expired on October 30, 2020. The Board stated that it may extend the mediation period if jointly requested by the Parties. (July 6, 2020 Order at 2.)

The Parties have made significant progress during the mediation, and believe that further mediation would benefit them and the Board by facilitating further agreement, thereby minimizing the number of issues that would be subject to Board resolution. The Parties therefore request that the Board extend the mediation period through December 4, 2020.

Mediation has already resolved certain issues, and may yet resolve all others that the parties have agreed to submit to this process. Nevertheless, if mediation (as extended pursuant to this request) is not fully successful, the Parties contemplate supplemental briefing on unresolved issues, and they have agreed in advance to a procedural schedule that would govern such

supplemental briefing, which the Parties would present to the Board, if necessary, on or immediately after December 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert A. Wimbish
Attorney for Metra

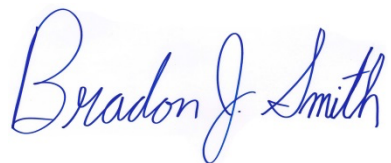
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 2, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.60(d), Metra served a copy on behalf of Amtrak and Metra of the joint request for extension of mediation via email to counsel for Amtrak at:

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