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FOR MEDIATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. § 28502

CONSENT MOTION TO EXTEND MEDIATION PERIOD

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Union Pacific Railroad Company (“Union Pacific”) respectfully requests that the Board extend the mediation period in this docket through January 31, 2025. Counsel for Union Pacific and counsel for the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, d/b/a Metra (“Metra”) have conferred, and Metra consents to the requested extension.

Good cause exists to grant the extension. Union Pacific filed an application for mediation in this docket on July 31, 2024. The Board issued an order directing Union Pacific and Metra to engage in mediation and appointed mediators on August 14, 2024. Under Board rules, the mediation was to be completed within 60 days—*i.e.*, by October 14, 2024. On October 15, 2024, the Board granted Union Pacific’s consent motion to extend the mediation period until November 13, 2024, because the parties were unable to schedule their first in-person mediation session before the week of October 21, 2024. On November 12, 2024, the Board granted Union Pacific’s consent motion to extend the mediation period until December 13, 2024, because the parties had scheduled a second in-person mediation session for the week of December 2, 2024.

Union Pacific and Metra remain actively engaged in the mediation process. They have agreed to a process for exchanging certain information with the objective of conducting third in-person mediation session in January. The active participation of the Board-appointed mediators has been an important factor in advancing the parties’ efforts to resolve this matter amicably.

Union Pacific is therefore asking the Board to extend the mediation period through January 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 11th day of December, 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by email on counsel for Metra.

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