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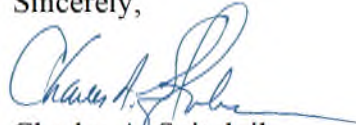
Re: *The Commuter Rail Division of The Northeast Illinois Transit Authority and The
Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation D/B/A/ Metra—Adverse
Abandonment—Omnitrax/Chicago Rail Link, STB AB 1337*

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

I am attaching for e-filing this Joint Status Update on behalf of the Commuter Rail
Division of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter
Railroad Corporation and Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C. in the above-captioned proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Spitulnik

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

STB Docket No. AB 1337

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AUTHORITY AND THE NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER
RAILROAD CORPORATION D/B/A METRA
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OMNITRAX/CHICAGO RAIL LINK**

JOINT STATUS UPDATE

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JOINT STATUS UPDATE

The Commuter Rail Division of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, an Illinois municipal corporation, and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation, an Illinois public corporation (collectively, “Metra”), and Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C., a Class III common carrier (“CRL”), submit this joint status update pursuant to the Board’s order issued on April 30, 2026, in these proceedings.

Since the last joint status update filed on May 7, 2026, the parties have made substantial progress in framing a term sheet that would, in turn, serve as the basis for an agreement that, if finalized as is currently expected, would allow the parties to seek to have this proceeding terminated. Accordingly, the parties request that the Board continue to hold this proceeding in abeyance to facilitate these negotiations. The parties acknowledge their obligation to file a status report every 120 days, and that the next status report will be due January 2, 2027.

¹ Metra hereby notifies the Board and all parties that, effective June 1, 2026, its legal name has changed from the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority to the Commuter Rail Division of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority. *See* Illinois P.A. 104-0457 (replacing the Regional Transportation Authority with the Northern Illinois Transit Authority). Metra has revised the caption in this filing and respectfully requests that the Board update the docket to reflect its name as “Commuter Rail Division of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority and the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation D/B/A Metra.” All future filings will use this updated name.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, this 4th day of September 2026, served by email a copy of the foregoing
Joint Status Update on all parties of record in this proceeding.

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