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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act
October 30, 2020

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Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman
Staff Jonathon Binet, William Brennan, Rachel Campbell, Anika Cooper,
Allison Davis, Ellen Erichsen, Amanda Gorski, Kim Hillenbrand, Frederick
Horne, Craig Keats, Richard Klem, Lisa Novins, Valerie Quinn, Michael
Small, Scott Zimmerman

Topic: Docket No. 36397, Wisconsin Central, Ltd. – Petition for Declaratory
Order – Interchange with Soo Line Railroad Co.

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by General Counsel Craig Keats:

At this meeting, staff briefed the Board on the petition of Wisconsin Central for a declaratory order providing that: (1) Wisconsin Central may designate Clearing Yard, on the Belt Railway of Chicago, as its interchange point to receive traffic from Soo Line Railroad; and (2) Soo Line must pay its own costs to reach Clearing Yard. Under 49 U.S.C. § 10742, connecting railroads have an obligation to provide reasonable facilities for interchanging traffic.

Staff and Board Members discussed the following issues:

1. Background of the interchange dispute between Wisconsin Central and the Soo Line.
2. The contents of Wisconsin Central's petition.
3. Scope of the statutory interchange obligation.
4. Options for responding to the petition.