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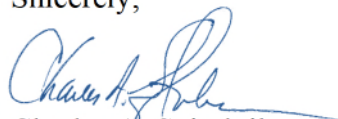
Re: *The Commuter Rail Division of The Regional Transportation Authority and The
Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Transportation Authority D/B/A Metra—
Adverse Abandonment—Omnitrax/Chicago Rail Link, STB Docket No. AB 1337*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned proceeding is the Joint Status Update on behalf of the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority and Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (collectively, “Metra”), and Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Spitulnik

Attachment

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JOINT STATUS UPDATE

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The Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, an Illinois municipal corporation, and 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 order granting a motion to hold these proceedings in abeyance issued on February 27, 2024.

The parties are continuing their negotiations and have engaged in productive discussions with each other since the last status report was filed. Both parties remain committed to the negotiation of a resolution of this matter and hope to resolve the matter amicably. The parties plan to continue negotiations and request that the STB continue to hold this proceeding in abeyance. The parties take note of the condition to file a status report every 120 days, such that the next status report will be due December 4, 2025.

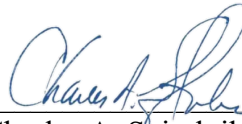
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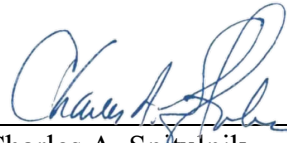
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, this 6th day of August, 2025, served by email a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Update on all parties of record in this proceeding.



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