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RE: Docket Nos. 38302S and 38376S

Dear Chairman Elliott:

The August 19, 2013, decision in these dockets (served August 26, 2013, and effective on September 25, 2013), approved the Government's settlement agreement with BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF"), and held that these proceedings would continue to be held in abeyance, with the Government filing quarterly reports on the progress of settlement negotiations. That order followed a prior order in these proceedings entered July 27, 2005 (served August 2, 2005, and effective September 1, 2005), approving the Government's settlement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company.

This report updates our most recent report of June 28, 2013. In addition to noting the Board's recent approval of the Government's settlement with BNSF, we continue efforts toward a settlement and finalized settlement documents with Norfolk Southern Railway Company. We will file a further report by the end of December 2013.

Sincerely,

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