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Re: Docket No. FD 36178, Metropolitan Council - Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Council, this is to advise that the mediation proposed by the Board in its May 22, 2018 decision in this docket has been successful and has resulted in a settlement agreement between the Metropolitan Council ("Council"), Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority ("HCRRA") and the Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company ("TCWR"). The final approval of the settlement agreement is subject to the action of the Boards of the Council, HCRRA and Hennepin County. Upon final approval of the settlement agreement, the Council will submit, on or about July 20, 2018, copies of any relevant agreements that may impact the Board's decision.

In view of the successful result of mediation, both the Council and TCWR withdraw the request for a technical conference made in their letter of July 3, 2018.

Finally, the parties wish to extend their thanks to the Board and its staff for their efforts in helping the parties reach an amicable and timely resolution of the issues.



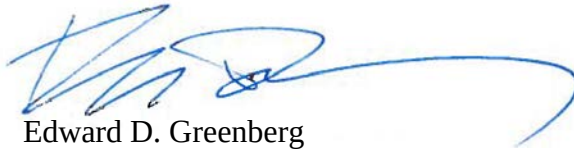
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I am authorized to indicate that counsel for TCWR and HCRRA join in this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Greenberg', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward D. Greenberg
Attorney for Metropolitan Council

cc: Parties of Record