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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35743

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 9, 2013, the Surface Transportation Board issued a decision instituting this proceeding to establish reasonable terms and compensation for use by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak") of the facilities and services of Grand Trunk Railway Company and Illinois Central Railway Company (collectively, "CN"). Pursuant to a procedural schedule (subsequently superseded) in a stamp order dated August 21, 2013, the Board ordered the parties to make a joint submission by October 21, 2013, setting forth their disputed issues.

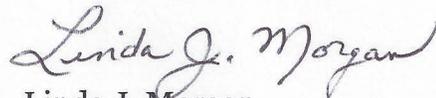
The parties attempted to reach agreement on a joint statement of disputed issues, but were unsuccessful and instead, on October 24, 2013, filed separate statements of disputed issues.

Amtrak's statement of disputed issues was comprised of 4 items, including (at page 2) the following:

3. Geographic Scope. Whether, and under what terms, the Operating Agreement should be expanded to cover additional rail lines owned, leased, or otherwise held by CN's U.S. affiliates.

By this letter, Amtrak informs the Board that the above-referenced issue will not be within the scope of the proposed terms and compensation Amtrak will request the Board to prescribe in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda J. Morgan".

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