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CITY OF CHICAGO

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Re: BNSF Railway Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Cook County,
IL, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 487X)

Dear Board:

The City of Chicago, an Illinois municipal corporation, acting by and through its Department of Transportation ("**City**"), hereby petitions the Surface Transportation Board ("**Board**") for an order extending its Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment ("**NITU**") in the above-referenced matter for an additional 180 days, through and including March 30, 2014.

On March 18, 2013, the City filed a request for issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) and public use condition ("**Petition**") for approximately 1.1 miles of rail line, as follows: (1) approximately 0.50 miles of track (Sangamon Street Line) from south of Western Avenue Yard at 16th Street (Station 186+79), extending to the red board south of Cullerton Street (Station 163+50); and (2) approximately 0.60 miles of track (Lumber Street Line) from West Cermak Road at the Colonial Brick switch (Station 157+65), extending to the end of the line on Lumber Street (Station 197+81), in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On April 4, 2013, the Board issued its NITU, permitting the City to negotiate with BNSF Railway Company ("**BNSF**") for trail use for the line until October 1, 2013, and permitting public use negotiations for the line until October 2, 2013. The City has commenced negotiations with BNSF and due

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diligence activities associated with the acquisition of the line, but needs additional time to complete these activities.

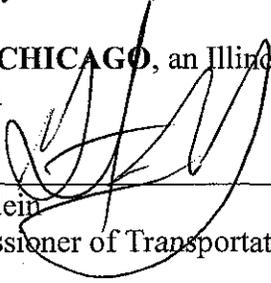
In support of its request for additional time, the City renews its Petition and its Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility.

A copy of this statement is being served on BNSF on the same date it is being served on the Board. By my signature below, I certify service upon Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 655 15th Street NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 30th day of September, 2013.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(e)(1), the filing fee for this request is waived.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF CHICAGO, an Illinois municipal corporation

By: 
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Commissioner of Transportation