



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

November 29, 2013

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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--In Cook County, IL, STB
Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of Chicago, an Illinois municipal corporation, acting by and through its Department of Transportation ("City"), hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") that it has completed its reviews and will not seek an order extending its Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment ("NITU") in the above-referenced matter.

In our May 20 request for an extension of the NITU we have identified that there are multiple railroad tracks and operators in this area and requested clarification of which tracks were actually included in this docket. Upon receipt of detailed maps, we have determined that much of the corridor petitioned for abandonment is in the existing public way and the remainder will not serve a trail use.

Therefore, the City consents to outright abandonment authorization.

This consent shall not be construed to waive any rights, remedies or claims that the City may have against the railroad at law or in equity, or to release the railroad from any liability, based upon, arising out of, or related to the environmental condition of the public way, including

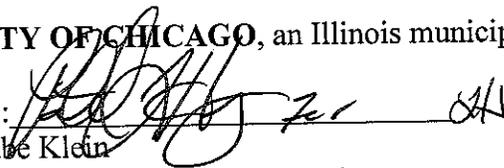
without limitation, (i) the violation or alleged violation of any environmental law, (ii) any discharge, disposal or other release of any regulated or hazardous material on, at, to or from the public way, or (iii) the presence of any regulated or hazardous materials on, under, or in the vicinity of the public way.

The abandonment is expected to terminate and vacate the railroad's easement or license to occupy the public way in various areas. No later than 180 days from the approval of the abandonment by the Board, the railroad is required to remove any remaining rails and other equipment from these areas and to restore sidewalks, roadway surfaces, and parkways to the condition required by all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations and standards, including, without limitation, the Municipal Code of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Transportation standards.

A copy of this statement is being served on IC on the same date it is being served on the Board. By my signature below, I certify service upon Illinois Central Railroad Company, c/o Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this ~~21st~~^{29th} day of November, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF CHICAGO, an Illinois municipal corporation

By: 

Gabe Klein

Commissioner of Transportation