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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board, Office of Proceedings
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 189X)**
Illinois Central Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In Champaign County, Ill.

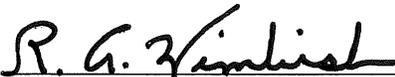
Dear Ms. Brown:

Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) and Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc. (“TGC”) hereby jointly offer this status report as they have been directed to do pursuant to the Director’s July 10, 2015 Stamp Order issued in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding. This proceeding currently is being held in abeyance to facilitate Board-sanctioned negotiations.

The parties to the aforementioned negotiations are pleased to report that discussions concerning the rail line segment at issue are proceeding amicably and positively. Among other things, IC has supplied TGC with information that TGC has requested in connection with its interests in restoring service to the line segment, and IC is in the process of securing and supplying TGC with additional such information. Representatives from both companies have met in person during this abeyance period to discuss TGC’s interest in resumed rail service, among other issues. Although a final arrangement concerning the future disposition of the line segment has not yet been reached, the parties continue to discuss and assess various options.

IC and TGC request that this proceeding remain in abeyance as provided for in the July 10 Director’s Order, subject to the parties’ understanding that they will be expected to supply a supplemental status report – assuming no final arrangement has been reached in the interim – on or before November 16, 2015 (62 days from today; the 60th day falling on a weekend).

Respectfully submitted,



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