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Docket No. NOR 42134

IN RE NATIONAL RAILROAD  
PASSENGER CORPORATION:

SECTION 213 INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANDARD PERFORMANCE ON CN  
RAIL LINES

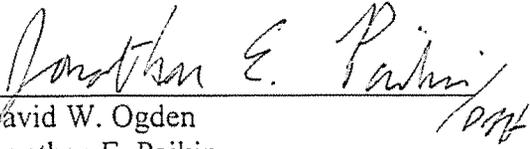
**JOINT MOTION OF NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION AND  
CN REQUESTING 30-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ABEYANCE WHILE THE  
PARTIES CONTINUE BOARD-SUPERVISED MEDIATION**

In its decision served on April 4, 2012, the Board granted a joint motion by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak"), and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company (collectively "CN")<sup>1</sup> requesting Board-supervised mediation. The Board also ordered that this Section 213 proceeding be held in abeyance until July 3, 2012. That period has been extended by mutual request of the parties until September 4, 2012, to accommodate on-going mediation efforts. The parties have continued to engage in Board-supervised mediation.

Therefore, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1109.1, the parties jointly and respectfully move to further extend the time for abeyance of this Section 213 proceeding until October 4, 2012, recognizing that either party may notify the Board at any time that normal agency procedures should be reactivated if, in its judgment, it appears that the mediation is unlikely to yield the intended results.

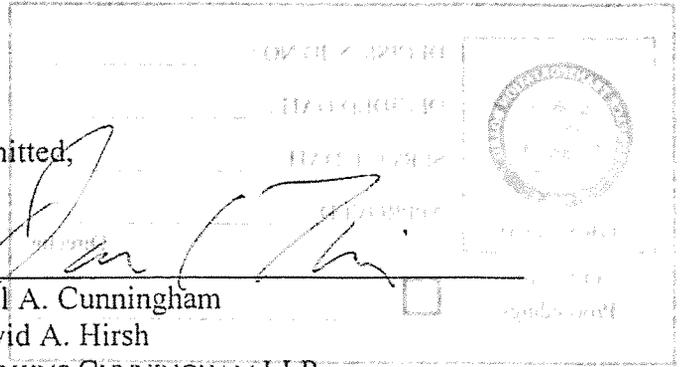
<sup>1</sup> Amtrak operates over the lines of Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company, both of which are indirectly owned rail operating subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company ("CNR"), but CNR is not a host railroad for any of the services operated by Amtrak that are identified in Amtrak's Petition.

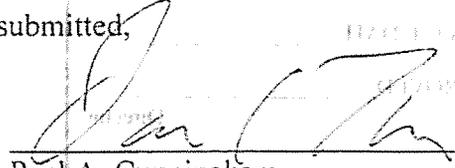
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