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RE: Docket Nos. 38302S and 38376S

Dear Ms. Brown:

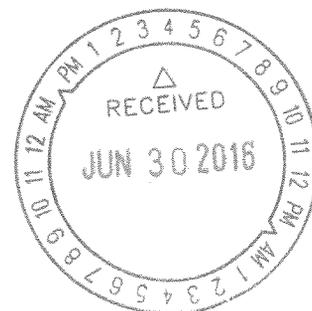
The August 19, 2013, decision in these dockets (served August 26, 2013, and effective on September 25, 2013), approved the Government's settlement agreement with BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF"), and held that these proceedings would continue to be held in abeyance, with the Government filing quarterly reports on the progress of settlement negotiations. That order followed a prior order in these proceedings entered July 27, 2005 (served August 2, 2005, and effective September 1, 2005), approving the Government's settlement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company.

This report updates our most recent report of March 30, 2016, indicating that the negotiators for the Government and Norfolk Southern Railway Company had previously reached an agreement in principle subject to further and final approvals by each party. The parties are pleased to report that their respective approval processes have now been completed. The parties plan to work to submit in the near future a joint motion requesting the Board's review and approval of the agreement. A further report is due by the end of September 2016.

Sincerely,

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