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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”) jointly offer this supplemental 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 negotiations.

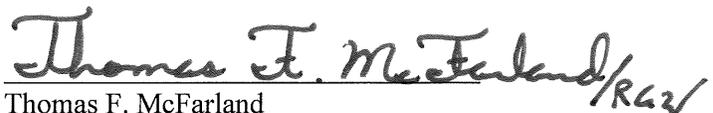
The parties first reported on the status of discussions in a joint filing in September of 2015 and then again in November of 2015. Since last report, the parties have not engaged in any discussions, and thus have not reached an accord, due to vacations and the holidays. IC and TGC have recently communicated each’s intent to renew discussions regarding options for the disposition of the rail line that is the subject of this proceeding possibly as early as this week.

IC and TGC request that this proceeding continue in abeyance as provided for in the July 10 Director’s Order, subject to the parties’ understanding that they will be expected to supply another supplemental status report – assuming no final arrangement has been reached in the interim – on or before March 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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