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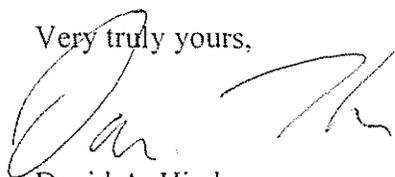
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BY E-FILINGMs. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0012**Re: *Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under 49 U.S.C.
§ 24308(a) – Canadian National Railway Company (Docket No. FD 35743)***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket please find a Joint Request for Extension of Procedural Schedule, which is being submitted on behalf of National Railroad Passenger Corporation and of Illinois Central Railroad Company and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company.

Very truly yours,



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By its stamp order served August 21, 2013, the Board adopted a procedural schedule in this proceeding. That schedule calls for the filing of opening submissions by both parties on December 30, 2013 (130 days after the Board’s order adopting the schedule).

Applicant National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) and respondents Illinois Central Railroad Company and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (together, “CN”) have each served substantial requests for discovery in this proceeding, and have jointly moved the Board this week for a protective order. The parties have now determined that an extension of the schedule is necessary in order to permit discovery to progress prior to the initial submissions of evidence. Accordingly, Amtrak and CN hereby request jointly, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.7(b), a 30-day extension of the filing date for those submissions (until January 29, 2014), with a corresponding adjustment of the subsequent dates in the procedural schedule.¹ The schedule as it would be revised is shown in Appendix A.

¹ In view of the imminence of the December 30 filing date, Amtrak and CN request expedited treatment by the Board for their extension request.

WHEREFORE, Amtrak and CN respectfully request that the Board extend by 30 days (until January 29, 2014) the due date for filing of opening statements by both parties, and that it adjust correspondingly all subsequent dates in the procedural schedule adopted by the Board in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A
(PROPOSED REVISED SCHEDULE)

January 29, 2014	Due date for opening submissions by both parties
March 5, 2014	Due date for rebuttal submissions by both parties
April 4, 2014	Due date for opening briefs of both parties
April 24, 2014	Due date for reply briefs of both parties