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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

- ABANDONMENT -
IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PETITION TO REOPEN
AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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Dated: April 30, 2015.

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NOW COMES TOPFLIGHT GRAIN COOPERATIVE (“Topflight”), and hereby Petitions the Board to reopen the above-captioned proceeding, and permit it to file the attached Notice of Intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance.

In support, Topflight states that the Acting Director of Proceedings, by Notice served April 10, 2015, set April 30, 2015, as the date for Petitions to Reopen this Proceeding. Topflight was a customer on the Rail Line at issue, prior to it being taken out of service for repairs, and Topflight desires to purchase the Line and resume shipping on the Line.

Topflight has already advised Illinois Central Railroad Company of its desire to purchase the line, and informally requested the net liquidation value from IC, by email of April 27, 2105.

Reopening this proceeding is in accordance with the National Transportation policy and will not unreasonably prejudice any party.

Respectfully submitted,



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To the Secretary of the Board:

Pursuant to the Application filed on or about March 23, 2015 by Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC"), seeking authority to abandon a line of railroad in Champaign County, Illinois, Topflight Grain Cooperative ("Topflight") hereby advises the Board and parties of record of its intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") under 49 CFR 1152.27. The OFA is to purchase the rail line extending from Bondville, Illinois (MP 7.8) to Seymour, Illinois (MP 11.0), a distance of 3.2 miles in Champaign County, Illinois.

In connection with this notice of intent to file an OFA, Topflight requests that IC provide the information set forth in 49 CFR 1152.27 (a) including the minimum purchase price required to acquire the line. Topflight also requests that IC provide all data necessary to determine the estimate of net liquidation value of the line together with supporting data reflecting available real estate appraisals, assessments of the quality and the quantity of track material in the line and removal cost estimate used to obtain the net liquidation value.

Topflight also requests that the Board toll period for submitting offers of financial assistance for an additional 30 days in order to provide Topflight with an adequate opportunity to review and

analyze the material provided by IC and submit its OFA. This extension is consistent with the national transportation policy and will not unfairly prejudice the interests of any party.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served by electronic transmission, on April 30, 2015, and by first class U.S. mail, upon:

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