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Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Docket No. AB-1036, *The City of Chicago, Illinois -- Adverse Abandonment -- Chicago Terminal Railroad in Chicago, IL*

Dear Section of Administration Chief:

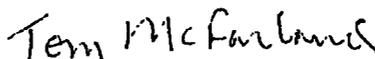
In order to facilitate settlement discussions currently underway between Applicant City of Chicago, Illinois (the City) and Protestant Chicago Terminal Railroad (CTM), the City hereby respectfully requests that the proceeding be held in abeyance for 30 days.

Counsel for CTM, John Heffner, Esq., has authorized me to state that CTM concurs in this request.

If this request were to be granted, all dates contained in the Board's procedural decision served February 18, 2010, would be extended for 30 days as a result of the period of abeyance, as would the date for the Board's decision. The date for the City's response to discovery, and for the City's reply to a Motion to Strike the City's Verified Statements would also be extended for 30 days.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,



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of Chicago, Illinois*

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