



INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY

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June 27, 2012

Mr. Richard F. Timmons, President
American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association
50 F Street, N.W. Suite 7020
Washington, D.C. 20031-3442

Re: End-of-Year 2012 Railroad Service Outlook.

Dear Mr. Timmons:

Referencing the letter that you forwarded to the Indiana Harbor Belt RR (IHB) from Surface Transportation Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III dated June 11, 2012 concerning the above subject. The ASLRRA members were requested to comment on our service plans for the remainder of the year.

Railroad Preparation for End-of-Year Shipping Season:

IHB has been preparing for the potential increase in traffic, particularly in the finished automotive sector through our continuing process of hiring and training new employees to both meet our attrition rate and to supplement our work force for the additional business. The majority of these new employees are concentrated in train and engine service.

Freight Service Investments and Capital Improvements:

The IHB 2012 Capital Plan continued to focus on improving our main line velocity and to increase yard capacity. The IHB completed its yard expansion in December 2011 which provided 38,000 feet of additional track capacity at our Hammond (Gibson) Auto Terminal for the handling of finished automotive traffic.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Jim Sheppard via email at: Jim.Sheppard@IHBRR.com or via telephone at 219-989-6737.

Yours Truly,

Pat Daly
General Manager
IHB RR