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Re: *STB Docket No. EP 724-3- United States Rail Service Issues- Data Collection*

Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Miller, and the Honorable Ms Begeman:

I am writing to provide comment on the service data that we are filing contemporaneous herewith in response to the Board's data collection order of October 8, 2014.

First, as we footnoted in this week's data, we have discovered an error in the logic used to generate the data points for cars on line that have not moved in revenue service for more than 120 hours, or have not moved in more than 48 hours but less than 120 hours. The numbers we have been reporting for this metric are significantly overstated. We are working on the problem, and when it is resolved we will restate the numbers for this metric for prior weeks, and provide data for this reporting week.

We indicated last week that overall congestion has improved in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) supply chain, in particular on the offline component of this corridor. That has continued this week resulting in improved overall transit times. The weekly grain car cycle time for this traffic is also improving as transit times improve. This in turn should result in greater placements.

With respect to eastern grain traffic, we are experiencing longer cycle times for returning empty hopper cars due to off line delays, partly as a function of the snow storms in Buffalo. We expect this to impact car cycles and order fulfillment next reporting week as well.

We remain committed to working with shippers, facilities and other railroads to bring the supply chain in balance and meet our customers' needs.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnson
Senior Vice President Operations

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1. System-Average Train Speed by Train Type for the Reporting Week (MPH)	
Intermodal	23.3
Grain unit	20.1
Coal unit	16.8
Automotive unit	19.0
Crude oil unit	17.6
Ethanol unit	19.5
Manifest	17.2
All Other	19.3

2. Weekly Average Terminal Dwell Time Measured in Hours Excluding Cars on Run Through Trains	
System Average	20.3

2. Weekly Average Terminal Dwell Time Measured in Hours for 10 Largest Terminals In Terms Of Railcar Capacity	
ALBANY	5.9
BENSENVILLE	28.1
BINGHAMTON	28.1
GLENWOOD	15.8
HARVEY	15.7
LA CROSSE	15.4
MASON CITY	17.7
MILWAUKEE	24.6
NAHANT	28.4
ST PAUL	24.3

3. Total Cars On Line by Car Type for the Reporting Week	
Box	1,448
Covered hopper	15,197
Gondola	2,370
Intermodal	649
Multilevel (automotive)	780
Open hopper	621
Tank	9,894
Other	1,183
Total	32,142

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4. Weekly Average Dwell Time at Origin for Unit Train Shipments Measured in Hours	
Grain	22.5
Coal	0.0
Automotive	0.0
Crude Oil	3.7
Ethanol	9.7
All Other Unit Trains	13.3

5. Weekly Total Number of Trains Held Short of Destination or Scheduled Interchange for Longer than 6 Hours by Train Type and Cause							
Train Type	Cause						
	Crew	Locomotive power	Track maintenance	Mechanical Issue	Other		Total
					Number	Briefly Explain Cause	
Intermodal	1	0	0	0	5	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	6
Grain unit	0	0	0	0	5	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	5
Coal unit	0	0	0	0	2	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	2
Automotive unit	0	0	0	0	0		0
Crude oil unit	0	0	0	1	19	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	20
Ethanol unit	0	0	0	0	3	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	3
Other unit	0	0	0	0	3	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	3
All other trains	3	5	8	4	90	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	110
Total	4	5	8	5	127		149

6. Weekly Total Number of Loaded and Empty Cars in Revenue Service That Have Not Moved In:				
	Greater Than 120 Hours		Greater Than 48 but Less than or Equal to 120 Hours	
	Loaded	Empty	Loaded	Empty
Intermodal				
Grain unit				
Coal unit				
Automotive unit				
Crude oil unit				
Ethanol unit				
Other unit				
All other trains				

Note: A program error has been identified which was causing incorrect values to appear in this section of the report. We are re-working the program logic and will re-state the values as soon as practicable.

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7. Weekly total grain cars loaded and billed, reported by State, aggregated for the following Standard Transportation Commodity Codes (STCCs): 01131 (barley), 01132 (corn), 01133 (oats), 01135 (rye), 01136 (sorghum grains), 01137 (wheat), 01139 (grain, not elsewhere classified), 01144 (soybeans), 01341 (beans, dry), 01342 (peas, dry), and 01343 (cowpeas, lentils, or lupines). "Total grain cars loaded and billed" includes cars in shuttle service; dedicated train service; reservation, lottery, open and other ordering systems; and, private cars. Additionally, please separately report the total cars loaded and billed in shuttle service (or dedicated train service) versus total cars loaded and billed in all other ordering systems, including private cars.

Instruction: Please enter "0" if no data is being reported for a field.

State	Total Grain Cars Loaded and Billed For All Ordering Systems	Total Grain Cars Loaded and Billed For Shuttle / Dedicated Train Service Ordering Systems	Total Grain Cars Loaded and Billed For Ordering Systems Other Than Shuttle / Dedicated Train Service
AL	0	0	0
AZ	0	0	0
AR	0	0	0
CA	0	0	0
CO	0	0	0
CT	0	0	0
DE	0	0	0
FL	0	0	0
GA	0	0	0
ID	1	0	1
IL	3	0	3
IN	0	0	0
IA	1	0	1
KS	0	0	0
KY	0	0	0
LA	0	0	0
ME	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0
MA	0	0	0
MI	0	0	0
MN	507	97	410
MS	0	0	0
MO	77	0	77
MT	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0
NV	0	0	0
NH	0	0	0
NJ	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0
NY	2	0	2
NC	0	0	0
ND	1,418	1,195	223
OH	0	0	0
OK	0	0	0
OR	0	0	0
PA	0	0	0

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RI	0	0	0
SC	0	0	0
SD	0	0	0
TN	0	0	0
TX	0	0	0
UT	0	0	0
VT	0	0	0
VA	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0
WV	0	0	0
WI	118	99	19
WY	0	0	0
Total	2,127	1,391	736

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8. For the aggregated STCCs in item 7, report by State the following: a. running total number of outstanding car orders (a car order equals one car); b. average number of days late for all outstanding car orders; c. total number of new car orders received during the past week; d. total number of car orders filled during the past week; and e. number of orders cancelled, respectively, by shipper and railroad during the past week.

State	a. Running Total Number of Outstanding Car Orders	b. Average Number of Days Late For All Outstanding Grain Car Orders	c. Number of New Car Orders	d. Number of Car Orders Filled	e.1. Number of Orders Canceled By Shipper	e.2. Number of Orders Canceled By Railroad
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA						
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
ID						
IL	8	0.00 weeks	8			
IN						
IA	120	0.63 weeks	55			
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	500	1.06 weeks	222	457	27	
MS						
MO	20	0.50 weeks	10	35		
MT	150	3.67 weeks		100		
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC						
ND	2,112	3.84 weeks	84	1,513	215	
OH						
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD			250	135		
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA						

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WA						
WV						
WI	100	0.00 weeks	100	123		
WY						
TOTAL	3,010	3.08 weeks	729	2,363	242	0

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9. Plan vs. Performance For Grain Shuttle (Or Dedicated Grain Train) Round Trips, By Region, Updated To Reflect The Previous Four Weeks

Region (Please Specify Destination Region)	Trip Plan	Trip Performance
Pacific North West	2.2	1.7
Other	2.2	2.5

10. Average Daily Coal Unit Train Loadings vs. Plan for the Reporting Week By Coal Production Region

Region	Loadings Plan	Loadings Average
Powder River Basin		
Illinois Basin		
Uinta Basin		
Northern Appalachia		
Central Appalachia		
Southern Appalachia		

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Chicago Gateway

1. Average Daily Car Counts By Terminal Yard For The Reporting Week

Barr	
Bensenville	1,947
Blue Island	
Calumet	24
Cicero	
Clearing	39
Corwith	
Gibson	
Kirk	
Markham	
Proviso	
Other Yards	
*See EP 724 (Sub-No.3) *	

2. Average Daily Number Of Trains Held For Delivery To Chicago Sorted by Receiving Carrier For The Reporting Week

BNSF	0.0
CN	0.0
CP	0.0
CSX	0.4
NS	0.6
UP	0.0

Status of the Chicago Terminal

As of this writing, the Chicago Terminal is at Alert Level 0. Our railroad is in normal operating condition at Chicago.

APPENDIX 1: RCP&E Reporting

Number of Grain Cars Requested by and Furnished to RCP&E from Nov 16, 2014 to Nov 22, 2014

	Number of New Car Orders	Number of Car Orders Filled
RCP&E	250	135

Number of Locomotives Moving to / from RCP&E

Date	LOCOMOTIVES DELIVERED BY CP TO RCPE			LOCOMOTIVES DELIVERED BY RCPE TO CP		
	CP UNITS	RCPE UNITS	TOTAL	CP UNITS	RCPE UNITS	TOTAL
Sun Nov 02, 14	6	3	9		7	7
Mon Nov 03, 14		3	3	5	3	8
Tue Nov 04, 14				5	2	7
Wed Nov 05, 14				4		4
Thu Nov 06, 14	5	4	9	4		4
Fri Nov 07, 14	4	1	5	3	4	7
Sat Nov 08, 14	6		6		4	4
			32			41
Sun Nov 09, 14	1	8	9		4	4
Mon Nov 10, 14	5		5	9		9
Tue Nov 11, 14		8	8			
Wed Nov 12, 14	2	4	6	8	1	9
Thu Nov 13, 14	2		2	4	4	8
Fri Nov 14, 14	2	6	8			
Sat Nov 15, 14	2		2		4	4
			40			34
Sun Nov 16, 14	5		5	2	2	4
Mon Nov 17, 14	2		2	5		5
Tue Nov 18, 14	1	1	2	5	4	9
Wed Nov 19, 14	1	1	2	2	2	4
Thu Nov 20, 14	10		10		6	6
Fri Nov 21, 14		8	8	1	7	8
Sat Nov 22, 14				4	3	7
			29			43
Sun Nov 23, 14	1	3	4	4		4
Mon Nov 24, 14	3	2	5			

