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The Honorable Debra Miller, Vice Chairman  
United States Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

The Honorable Ann D. Begeman, Commissioner  
United States Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
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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.

Our US network continues to be in good operating condition. Average dwell at origin for unit grain trains has improved, and grain loadings remain steady. Train speed has increased.

With respect to the Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad (RCP&E), locomotives are in overall balance this reporting week, understanding that the number varies from day to day. We fulfilled 237 of 300 RCP&E grain car requests, which is an improvement over last week. We will continue to work with our interchange carriers and the other components of the supply chain to balance the return of empty grain cars from the east.

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	25.4
Grain unit	21.5
Coal unit	7.9
Automotive unit	26.0
Crude oil unit	19.7
Ethanol unit	14.7
Manifest	17.7
All Other	20.5

2. Weekly Average Terminal Dwell Time Measured in Hours Excluding Cars on Run Through Trains	
System Average	23.9

2. Weekly Average Terminal Dwell Time Measured in Hours for 10 Largest Terminals In Terms Of Railcar Capacity	
ALBANY	7.4
BENSENVILLE	22.6
BINGHAMTON	33.9
GLENWOOD	29.0
HARVEY	11.3
LA CROSSE	23.5
MASON CITY	17.0
MILWAUKEE	28.9
NAHANT	36.6
ST PAUL	27.3

3. Total Cars On Line by Car Type for the Reporting Week	
Box	1,650
Covered hopper	15,427
Gondola	2,782
Intermodal	688
Multilevel (automotive)	835
Open hopper	859
Tank	9,499
Other	1,198
Total	32,938

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4. Weekly Average Dwell Time at Origin for Unit Train Shipments Measured in Hours	
Grain	15.3
Coal	-
Automotive	-
Crude Oil	6.6
Ethanol	28.7
All Other Unit Trains	8.2

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						Total
	Crew	Locomotive power	Track maintenance	Mechanical Issue	Other		
					Number	Briefly Explain Cause	
Intermodal	0	0	0	0	0		0
Grain unit	0	0	0	0	4	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	4
Coal unit	0	0	0	0	3	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	3
Automotive unit	0	0	0	0	0		0
Crude oil unit	0	0	0	0	11	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	11
Ethanol unit	0	0	0	1	7	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	8
Other unit	0	0	0	0	3	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	3
All other trains	3	4	2	0	62	Various, Customer, Foreign, Operations, Outages.	71
Total	3	4	2	1	90		100

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	11	5	22	4
Grain	51	105	215	186
Coal	3	2	2	37
Crude Oil	3	62	56	104
Ethanol	-	41	96	12
Automotive	21	-	28	-
All Other	272	557	897	1,136

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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	2	0	2
IL	1	0	1
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	679	495	184
MS	0	0	0
MO	26	0	26
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	1	0	1
NC	0	0	0
ND	1,139	701	438
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	98	98	0
WY	0	0	0
Total	1,947	1,294	653

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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						
IN						
IA	20	5.50 weeks	35			
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	199	2.73 weeks	55	523	2	
MS						
MO	40	2.25 weeks	10	34		
MT				105	100	
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC						
ND	1,465	4.26 weeks	191	1,308	125	
OH						
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD			300	237		
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA						

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WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
TOTAL	1,724	4.05 weeks	591	2,207	227	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	1.9
Other	2.2	2.0

### 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	1,525
Blue Island	-
Calumet	28
Cicero	-
Clearing	49
Corwith	-
Gibson	-
Kirk	-
Markham	-
Proviso	13
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	0.6
NS	0.7
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 Dec 21, 2014 to Dec 27, 2014

	Number of New Car Orders	Number of Car Orders Filled
RCP&E	300	237

### 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 Dec 07		2	2	3		3
Mon Dec 08	4	4	8	3	5	8
Tue Dec 09			0	3	3	6
Wed Dec 10	13	9	22	1	5	6
Thu Dec 11	4	12	16	1	5	6
Fri Dec 12			0	6	2	8
Sat Dec 13	4	2	6	8		8
			54			45
Sun Dec 14		6	6	1	3	4
Mon Dec 15	9	5	14	1	3	4
Tue Dec 16	1	3	4	6	2	8
Wed Dec 17	3		3	3		3
Thu Dec 18	2		2	2	2	4
Fri Dec 19	4	6	10	5	3	8
Sat Dec 20		3	3		3	3
			42			34
Sun Dec 21	1	3	4	6		6
Mon Dec 22	6	3	9		2	2
Tue Dec 23	1	1	2		3	3
Wed Dec 24	2	5	7		4	4
Thu Dec 25	3		3	5		5
Fri Dec 26	1	1	2			
Sat Dec 27	2		2	3		3
			29			23
Sun Dec 28	8	3	11	3	5	8
Mon Dec 29	1	5	6	3	1	4



