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Re: STB Docket No. EP 724 (Sub-No. 3), *United States Rail Service Issues—Data Collection*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the decision served in this proceeding on October 8, 2014, the Association of American Railroads, on behalf of its freight member representatives in the Chicago Transportation Coordination Office, hereby files the attached data. The railroads are continuing to evaluate the methodology used to generate the data.

Respectfully submitted,

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EP 724 - US RAIL SERVICE ISSUES - DATA COLLECTION

Chicago Railroad	Year: 2014	Reporting week	Date Week Began:	10/12/2014
			Date Week Ended:	10/18/2014

Chicago Gateway

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

Barr	1,853.0
Bensenville	1,889.0
Blue Island	1,714.8
Calumet	1,058.0
Cicero	1,039.3
Clearing	4,247.0
Corwith	1,103.6
Gibson	841.3
Kirk	2,779.0
Markham	911.0
Proviso	2,566.0
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

IHB	0.00
BNSF	0.42
BRC	0.42
CN	0.14
CP	0.00
CSX	1.57
NS	0.00
UP	0.00

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF OPERATING CONDITIONS

General Summary of current CTCO service contingency protocols, including descriptions of Alert Levels

The Chicago Terminal Alert Plan provides the framework necessary to identify and mitigate, to the degree reasonably practicable, potential and current operating conditions that would negatively impact rail traffic moving via the Chicago Gateway. Safety of operations is integral throughout the alert plan processes.

The plan provides for monitoring terminal and/or individual operating, network or weather conditions and required action items geared to quickly restore fluidity to operations.

Overall Terminal conditions and Individual Yard, Road or Corridor conditions that impact operations are monitored and categorized separately for purposes of required actions. Levels of Alert are: Normal, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Action Items, detailed by individual roads' Service Design and/or Terminal Operations groups, are geared to correspond to the appropriate condition and level. Actions between railroad partners range from a heightened awareness to actual diversion of Chicago traffic to other gateways.

CTCO is charged with development, implementation and management of the Chicago Terminal Alert Plan which includes appropriate escalation in cases of ineffective or insufficient contingencies.

CHANGE (+/-) IN REPORTED NUMBERS:

As no prior numbers were reported, weekly changes in numbers will be reported going forward , beginning in week two.

ALERT LEVEL CHANGES:

The alert level for the reporting week was reduced from Level 2 to Level 1 on 10/13/14. Level 1 allows partners to direct traffic to alternate gateways, while keeping a heightened awareness on conditions.

EVENT(S) THAT AFFECTED OPERATING CONDITIONS:

There were no Major Events affecting the Terminal.

There was no Weather Event which affected the Terminal.

TRAINS - HELD	TERMINAL YARD INVENTORY
TRAIN HAS STOPPED FOR >6 HOURS BECAUSE OF THE RECEIVING CARRIER / CUSTOMER WITH NO PLAN TO ACCEPT TRAIN FOR >12 HOURS +/-	YARD INVENTORY REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF RAILCARS ON-HAND WITHIN THE CONFINES OF SPECIFIED TERMINAL YARD(S) REPORTED ONCE DAILY
(TIMES SPECIFIED HERE ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES) AND	REPORTING YARD COUNT INCLUDES SUB-YARDS OF; CLASSIFICATION, RECEIVING OR DEPARTURE WHERE APPLICABLE
TRAIN IS WITHIN THE TERMINAL, OR TRAIN IS ONE CREW DISTRICT AWAY FROM DELIVERY LOCATION IN THE TERMINAL	DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL YARD, MAY OR MAY NOT INCLUDE SHOP CARS
EXCEPTION	EXCEPTION
TRAIN MOVE PLANNED FROM PRIOR DAY'S STAGING WAS NOT EXECUTED RESULTING IN 2 ND DAY'S PLAN SHOULD BE REPORTED AS HELD ON PRIOR DAY	EXCLUDES CARS LOCATED ON CUSTOMER TRACKS OR PLACED AT INDUSTRY
<u>FOR PURPOSES OF STB REPORTING, THE NUMBERS WILL BE COMPILED ONCE PER DAY FROM THE 10:00 AM CONFERENCE CALL. REPORTING REQUIRES A DAILY AVERAGE TO BE REPORTED WEEKLY</u>	