February 2, 2015

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: 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 railroad member representatives in the Chicago Transportation Coordination Office (“CTCO”), is filing this letter to update the Board on the Chicago Terminal. On Saturday, January 31, 2015, the operating condition (“OpCon”) was changed from OpCon Green to OpCon Yellow. CTCO further changed the terminal’s status from OpCon Yellow to OpCon Red on Sunday February 1, 2015. CTCO will track the countermeasures initiated as a result of these changes until the mitigation is successful.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Strafford
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