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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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March 21, 2024
Part of
Public Record

Re: Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited, et al. – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and Choctaw and Marengo Counties, Alabama, FD 36732; CSX Transportation, Inc. – Acquisition and Operation – Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., FD 36727
Motion to Withdraw

Dear Ms. Brown:

By two minor applications filed on October 6, 2023, and accepted by the Board on November 3, 2023 (as amended by a subsequent decision on November 9, 2023), CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) sought Board approval for CSXT to acquire from Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. (MNBR), and operate certain rail line between Burkville, Ala., and Myrtlewood, Ala; and, Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited, on behalf of itself and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company d/b/a CPKC, sought approval for KCS to acquire from MNBR and to operate approximately 50.4 route miles of rail line between Meridian, Miss., and Myrtlewood.¹ As the Board is aware, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) actively participated in both proceedings from October 25, 2023, through the close of the evidentiary record.

During the pendency of this proceeding, the parties have continued to engage in ongoing discussions concerning the aforementioned transactions. In light of productive discussions and

¹ Proceedings directly related to FD 36732: CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Marengo & Choctaw Cnty, AL. & Lauderdale Cnty, MS., AB 55 (Sub-No. 814X); Alabama & Gulf Coast Railway – Trackage Rights Exemption—Kansas City Southern Railway d/b/a Canadian Pacific Kansas City, FD 36731; and CSX Transportation, Inc. – Trackage Rights Exemption—Kansas City Southern Railway, FD 36730. Proceedings directly related to FD 36727: Alabama & Gulf Coast Railway – Trackage Rights Exemption – CSX Transportation, Inc., FD 36724; Meridian & Bigbee Railroad – Discontinuance of Incidental Overhead Trackage Rights – In Lowndes and Montgomery Cnty, AL., AB 1335X.

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recent developments, NSR hereby moves to terminate its participation in this proceeding and withdraws the related filings made by NSR in the seven dockets identified above.

Sincerely,

/s/ ***Crystal M. Zorbaugh***

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