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Re: URGENT - derailment news and service implications

Dear Valued Customer,

This is an update to yesterday's UPRR derailment notification---Stack Facts number 657.

The progress on building the temporary track (called a shoofly) around the derailment near Galt, IL is going well. The revised estimated time of opening this shoofly is 6:00pm CDT tonight, May 5. The shoofly will be nine miles of single track at reduced speeds with no signaling capability and as a result only a third of the normal train volume will be able to traverse this temporary track. Once open, the UPRR will fleet trains in the eastbound direction, then route trains westbound and alternate directions until the backlog of trains is worked-off.

Long term, the UPRR intends to build two bridges to replace the damaged, antiquated older bridge. The first bridge is expected to open at approximately 6:00pm CDT Sunday, May 8, and the second bridge is expected to open 3 days later at 6:00pm CDT Wednesday, May 11. These two bridges will still require at least several days of signal work once completed.

The intermodal terminal gates at Chicago Global 1 and Global 2 remain closed to local westbound traffic. Rubber tire cross-towns and steel wheel interchanges are being accepted as they were through billed before this service interruption. Given the UPRR is making good progress establishing the temporary bridge at Galt, we understand that the UPRR will make a decision tomorrow, Friday, May 6, regarding the reopening of the impacted terminals to westbound freight. Our expectation is that we will see a loosening of the terminal gate restrictions at Global 1 and Global 2, perhaps implementing a metering system.

We do expect that the "ripple-effects" of this incident will cause system wide asset imbalances, locomotive and railcars, for the next two weeks until a degree of normalcy returns to the network. This includes crew shortages in the Chicago area and spot shortages of railcars in the Northeast.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, we appreciate your business.