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**Re: Pacer Stacktrain Service Alert - UPRR Derailment Update**

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Dear Valued Customer,

This is an update to yesterday's UPRR derailment notification--Stack Facts number 658.

The temporary track (called a shoofly) opened at 6:30pm CDT, May 5. The shoofly is nine miles of single track at reduced speeds with no signaling capability. As a result, only one third of the normal train volume will divert onto this temporary track. The UPRR continues to operate trains on its alternate train routes, in addition to diverting some trains onto other railroads, and thus far these routes remain relatively fluid.

The intermodal terminal gates at Chicago **Global 1 and Global 2 will reopen to International and Domestic westbound traffic at 1200pm (noon) CDT today, May 6.** The UPRR will operate westbound trains as it receives the capacity to build them. Chicago will remain congested for the next 48 to 72 hours as the UPRR works-off the eastbound trains that were holding or detouring around the derailment site.

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.

Again, 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.