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Interview of: JUAN CORZO, Conductor

Brightline

Boca Raton, Florida

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## INTERVIEW

(3:14 p.m.)

MR. BACHMEIER: Okay. My name is Michael Bachmeier and I am the NTSB Operations Group Chairman for this accident. We are here today on -- what is it -- February 10th, 2023, at 3:14 p.m. and we're in the Embassy Suites in Boca Raton, Florida to conduct an interview with Juan Corzo, who works for Brightline. This interview is in conjunction with the NTSB's investigation near Delray Beach. The NTSB reference number for this accident is HWY23MH006.

The purpose of the investigation is to increase safety and not assign blame, fault, or liability. Before we begin our interview and questions, let's go around the table or screen and introduce ourselves. Please spell your last name, who you're a representative and your title. I'd like to remind everyone to speak clearly so we can get a good, accurate recording. I'll start off and then pass it off to my right, and that's you, Jim.

Again my name is Michael Bachmeier. The spelling of my last name is B-a-c-h-m-e-i-e-r and I am the NTSB Operations Group Chairman for this accident. Jim.

MR. TURPEN: Yes, my name's Turpen, I'm the Operating Practices Inspector for FRA out of Wesley Chapel, Florida, representing FRA.

MR. LEFEVRE: The spelling of his name.

MR. BACHMEIER: Turpen, T-u-r- --

- MR. TURPEN: Yes, sir, T-u-r-p-e-n, I'm sorry.
- 2 MR. BACHMEIER: No problem --

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- MR. TUPEN: -- the spelling of my last name.
- 4 MR. BACHMEIER: -- no problem.

the party coordinator.

- 5 MR. LEFEVRE: Okay. My name is Michael Lefevre, L-e-f-e-v-r-6 I'm the Vice-President of Operations for Brightline and I am 7
- 8 MR. COUTO: My name is Emmanuel Couto, C-o-u-t-o. I am the 9 Vice-President of Transportation for Brightline.
  - MS. GARCIA: I am Ann Garcia, G-a-r-c-i-a and I'm the Human Performance Assistant Safety Group Chair for this investigation for NTSB.
- MR. CORZO: My name is Juan Corzo, C-o-r-z-o. I am the 14 conductor that's being interviewed, and I work for Brightline.
- 15 MR. BACHMEIER: Okay. And Dan?
  - And I'm -- yes, I'm Dane Jacques. I'm a partner MR. JAOUES: with the law firm Steptoe and Johnson. The name is spelled D-a-ne, last name is J-a-q-u-e-s.
  - MR. BACHMEIER: Okay. With that, Juan, do we have your permission to record our discussions with you today?
- 21 MR. CORZO: Yes, sir.
  - MR. BACHMEIER: Do you understand the transcription will be part of the public docket? As such, we cannot guarantee any confidentiality?
  - MR. CORZO: Yes, sir.

MR. BACHMEIER: As discussed you have a representative with you, Mr. Jaques. Is that correct?

MR. CORZO: Yes, sir.

MR. BACHMEIER: Okay. I'd like everyone -- remind everyone to clearly announce your name and title before questioning. Let's proceed.

### INTERVIEW OF JUAN CORZO

### BY MR. BACHMEIER:

- Q. Juan, could you give us a synopsis of your work experience, taking us up to your present job.
- A. Work experience, as far back as I remember it, my first job was a McDonald's line cook, end of high school and a little bit after high school. I joined the National Guard, the New Jersey National Guard. I was there for six years, 2012, 2018, give or take. I became a banker around 2014 -- well, I became a teller with Chase Bank and worked my way up to a banker. After I left that, I went to work for -- I moved to Florida, started working for the State of Florida as a corrections officer.

I then moved to Louisiana where I started my railroad career, working for CM Railroad. That was around 2018. Got furloughed out of that when covid started. Started working for CSX Railroad in Orlando, also as a conductor. Last year -- late last year, I decided Brightline would be a good fit for me, so I've been working for Brightline about four months for them so far.

Q. Okay. So you just started four months ago?

- A. Yes, sir, give or take.
- $2 \parallel Q$ . And are you a conductor or engineer?
- 3 A. Conductor, sir.

- 4 Q. Conductor, okay. Four months in the position. Okay. So your date of hire was about --
- 6 A. It slightly slips my mind, but it was about four months ago.
- Q. No, that's all right. So let's go back to February 8th. Can you just kind of walk us through your start of the shift, taking
- 9 us up to Delray Beach.
- 10 A. Okay. Start of the shift, pretty normal day, end to end.
- 11 Got to work, met with the engineer.
- 12 \ Q. What time do you guys go on duty?
- 13 A. 1500, 3:00.
- 14 | 0. Okay.
- 15 A. Met with the engineer, we got our paperwork, got it verified
- 16 with the dispatch and we had a job briefing. We re-crewed the
- 17 train at West Palm Beach, took over the train, did our brake test,
- 18 | everything normal. We started our workday with that one roundtrip
- 19 to Miami and back. I guess it would be our third trip when we
- 20 were heading south and had the incident. Do you want me to go
- 21 | into the incident now or --
- 22 | Q. Yes.
- 23 A. Okay. So we were heading -- went in southbound on the east
- 24 | main. There was a freight train coming north on the west main.
- 25 We called hot rail to each other, we acknowledged each other. As

- 1 the trains got closer and we knocked down the signal for Villa
- $2 \mid Rica$ , they called out to us saying that there was a car on the
- 3 tracks. Immediately, the engineer put the train in emergency. I
- 4 could hear the distinctive sound of the train going into emergency
- 5 as I looked over. It happened very fast, it evolved very quickly.
- 6 The engineer put the train in emergency, I started blowing the
- 7 horn. Eventually there was a car on the tracks and we struck him.
- 8 Q. Okay. So typically, is your -- so when you go on duty at
- 9 | 1500, you usually take over a train from someone else and then is
- 10 | it --
- 11 A. Not necessarily, it depends on the job and day. Sometimes we
- 12 take a train out of the yard, other times we make recrew --
- 13 | another crew on West Palm Beach station.
- 14  $\parallel$  Q. Okay. But you -- okay, so you went to Miami and back. And
- 15 then how far -- would we say this is north, right?
- 16 || A. Well, we were going south.
- 17 Q. Okay. Yes, south, okay.
- 18 A. About 20 miles from West Palm Beach station, our third --
- 19 | Q. Okay.
- 20 | A. -- trip.
- 21 0. Okay. Is that from Miami to West Palm Beach? Is that what
- 22 | your --
- 23 A. No, that was from West Palm Beach going towards --
- 24 O. Towards Miami.
- 25 | A. -- Miami, yes, sir.

- Q. So how far south -- I mean, north do you go?
- $2 \parallel A$ . All the way to Miami.
- 3 | O. Okay, Miami. Okay, perfect. Miami and then --
- 4 A. I think you said north, because we go south to Miami and come
- 5 back north to West Palm.
- 6 Q. Okay, that's it. I get -- I'm all confused with my traffic,
- 7 okay. So you had a -- you guys were going southbound. FEC was --
- 8 | Florida East Coast was -- freight train was coming northbound.
- 9 A. Yes, sir.

- 10 Q. They called you guys on the radio and said hey, there's a
- 11 | vehicle stopped?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 | Q. Okay. And that's -- and then basically that's about right
- 14 when you placed it in emergency?
- 15 A. They called us twice. I think by the second time they called
- 16 | it out, my engineer had already put an emergency. I'm not quite
- 17 | sure, but it was --
- 18 Q. Okay, yes. That's all I got.
- 19 MR. BACHMEIER: Jim, you got any questions?
- 20 BY MR. TURPEN:
- 21 | Q. Got a question on the time of day of the accident. What time
- 22 was it?
- 23 A. I remember arriving at the time in town, I think it was 8:07.
- 24 Don't quote me on that. That's going off of my memory.
- 25 Q. Okay. I think PM?

- 1 A. Yes, 2007, 8:07 p.m.
- 2 Q. Okay, 2007 pm. Was it light out or was it dusk? I mean, it
- 3 was starting to dark?
- $4 \parallel A$ . I remember it being dark.
- 5 Q. Dark, okay. And was it clear, any drizzle or anything?
- 6 A. I don't remember exactly what the weather was. I don't think
- 7 | it was raining.
- 8 Q. Okay. It was possibly raining --
- 9 A. And it was not, I don't remember rain, no.
- 10 Q. Okay. And do you know the train ID of the northbound
- 11 | freight?
- 12 | A. I do not.
- 13 | Q. Okay. And were you relieved at the scene?
- 14 A. I was not. We felt comfortable continuing with the train and
- 15 taking it back to the yard after --
- 16 | Q. Okay.
- 17 (Crosstalk)
- 18 | Q. All right. Were you offered relief?
- 19 | A. I was, sir.
- 20 | Q. That's all the questions I have now.
- 21 MR. BACHMEIER: Thanks, Jim.
- 22 BY MR. LEFEVRE:
- 23 Q. I was just going to give you a chance to clarify just the
- 24 miles and the directions of travel. So from West Palm Beach to
- 25 | Miami is how many miles?

- A. West Palm Beach to Miami?
- 2 Q. Yes.

- 3 A. 68 miles, about.
- $4 \parallel Q$ . And then from West Palm Beach to the incident scene in
- 5 Delray?
- 6 A. West Palm Beach to the incident about, give or take, 20
- 7 miles. It's 319 mile post off the 298, so 20, 21 miles.
- 8 0. And then you said you did one roundtrip and this would have
- 9 | been the third one way. So you were kind of 1.5 roundtrips into
- 10 || it?
- 11 | A. Yes, sir.
- 12  $\mathbb{Q}$ . So how many roundtrips do you do on a shift?
- 13 A. On a shift we do two roundtrips.
- 14 | Q. So this was your final roundtrip?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Thank you. That's all I have.
- MR. COUTO: I have no follow-up questions.
- 18 MR. BACHMEIER: No follow-up.
- 19 BY MS. GARCIA:
- 20 Q. Okay. This is Ann Garcia, G-a-r-c-i-a. So I have just a
- 21 couple of follow-up questions on this. You mentioned that the
- 22 | freight train called you twice on the radio.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. Could you just go over that again, just in detail, like when
- 25 the first call, what they said, how long until the second call?

- 1 A. Like I said that part of the day was very quick, very
- 2 compact. We saw them coming north, we were going south. And we
- 3 | just heard on the radio car on tracks, car on tracks, about the
- 4 same pace as I just said right now. It was quick succession. An
- 5 that's when I put the train in emergency.
- 6 Q. Okay. Was that -- they said that in both? You said they
- 7 | contacted you twice?
- 8 A. Right. I mean, I don't know what they did, but they -- we
- 9 heard over the radio car on tracks, small pass car on tracks.
- 10 | Q. Okay, so that was the two transmissions?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Thank you. And so what was your reaction when you
- 13 heard it the first time?
- 14 A. When I heard it, I looked over to my engineer, seeing what he
- 15 was doing. He had already put the train in emergency for what I
- 16 | remember in my memory. I could hear the distinctive sound of a
- 17 | train going into emergency, so I know we were taking action. I
- 18 | think that segment went by and I had the inclination to pull the
- 19 horn.
- 20 Q. Okay, good. Have you been on other rides where the --
- 21 there's been a car on the tracks?
- 22 A. Car on the tracks incident like this? No.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Have you ever been in one when you worked for
- 24 | Brightline where the train has hit someone or something on the
- 25 | tracks?

A. Yes. I don't know exactly when it happened. It was around Sunrise Boulevard. We -- there was a -- a female fell on the track. Similar situation, put the train in emergency, pulled the horn. It was very minor, to my understanding. She was able to walk away. It was not a fatality, nothing of that nature. That was pretty much what I remember. I was training at the time.

- Q. Okay, thank you.
- 8 A. All right.

MR. BACHMEIER: Okay. I don't have any questions at this time. Jim, I'm going to pass it off to you.

MR. TURPEN: Yes, I've got a question for Mr. Couto. Manny, What was the location of the one from Tuesday, or that person who walked out in front of the train or jumped in front of the train?

MR. COUTO: Off the top of my head, I don't know. I do have the records; I can look into it. But off the top of my head, I don't remember. It was --

MR. TURPEN: I'm wondering if it's --

MR. COUTO: I believe that was in the Boca area. I believe that was in --

MR. LEFEVRE: It was Boca, it was in Boca.

MR. COUTO: It was in the town of Boca Raton.

MR. TURPEN: Thank you. I was just checking to see if it was in the same location.

MR. COUTO: No, it was definitely not the same location. It was close. It was the next town over, but definitely not in the

- 1 | same location.
- 2 MR. TURPEN: Thank you, Manny.
- 3 MR. COUTO: You're welcome.
- 4 MR. BACHMEIER: Michael.
- 5 MR. LEFEVRE: I have no more questions.
- 6 MR. BACHMEIER: Emmanuel.
- 7 MR. COUTO: No more questions.
- 8 BY MS. GARCIA:
- 9 Q. Okay. I have a few questions that aren't about the accident.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 | Q. Okay. Just to get some background information on you.
- 12 | A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Okay. On the day of the accident, how did you feel when you
- 14 went to work that day?
- 15 A. I felt good. It was a normal day.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And what would you say -- how would you characterize
- 17 your health -- your overall health condition?
- 18 A. I feel healthy.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you wear glasses?
- 20 | A. I do, ma'am, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay, thank you. And you had them on on that day?
- 22 | A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Have you worked with this engineer before?
- 24 A. Yes, the day before.
- 25 | Q. Was that when you first met him?

- 1 A. No, we actually were in the same class. I've known Carlos.
  - Q. Okay. So you were in the same training class?
- $3 \parallel A$ . Yes.

- $4 \mid\mid \mathsf{Q}$ . Okay. And so you know the engineer. So how would you say
- 5 that he was doing that day?
- 6 A. I think he did great, he was doing good.
- 7 | Q. Okay. Was there anything about his manners or his behaviors
- 8 or what you observed in him that made you think that something was
- 9 | off?
- 10 A. Not at all.
- 11 | Q. Okay. So you saw no sign of any alcohol use or --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- anything else? Okay. Thank you. It's very helpful to
- 14 have the background information. Okay. And what would you say
- 15 that his attitude was?
- 16 A. Positive, normal attitude of Carlos, positive.
- 17 Q. And do you all share, you know, in conversation, do you talk
- 18 | about non-work things as well?
- 19 A. (Indiscernible), like slightly so, not a whole lot, a little
- 20 | bit.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you have anything going on in your life that's,
- 22 | like, highly stressful right now?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay. And has he shared anything in his life going on right
- 25 | now?

- A. Stressful-wise, no.
- Q. Yes, okay. Thank you. When you come on the job, you
- 3 mentioned that you do a job briefing?
- 4 A. Yes, ma'am.

- 5 Q. Do you do a safety briefing also?
- 6 A. As part of the job briefing. We go over the speed 7 restrictions and such, so it's all coming together.
- 8 Q. Okay. And what exactly is covered in the safety briefing?
- 9 A. Speed restriction we may encounter, any planned work that may
- 10 be out there, anything outside the normal, bulletins, what train
- 11 we're going to be on, verify bulletins with the dispatch to make
- 12 | sure we have a good set with us, things like that.
- 13 Q. Okay, good, thank you. Now I've got some questions on what
- 14 your schedule was like on the couple of days leading up to the
- 15 accident.
- 16 | A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Okay. And this is covering both your sleep schedule and your
- 18 work schedule.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. Okay, and when you take your meals. So I want to get the
- 21 information and be precise --
- 22 | A. Okay.
- 23 | Q | Q | Q. -- so it'll take a couple of minutes. Okay. So the accident
- 24 | happened on a Thursday. So going back, Wednesday -- so Tuesday,
- 25 | what -- let's start first. What's your general work schedule?

- A. The accident was on a Thursday or Wednesday?
- 2 MR. BACHMEIER: The accident, Wednesday.
- 3 BY MS. GARCIA:
- 4 Q. On Wednesday, sorry, thank you. What's your general work
- 5 | schedule?

- 6 A. I'm currently on-call. I do have a set workday, Saturday.
- We are notified of what we are working the next day, so it's not
- 8 the traditional on-call method.
- 9 Q. Okay. So Saturday you're notified of Sunday's work schedule?
- 10 A. I'm off Sunday, Monday, but yes, similar to that point. The
- 11 day before, we get a text, letting us know where we're going to
- 12 work the next day.
- 13 Q. Okay. So what days are you off?
- 14 A. Sunday, Monday.
- 15 Q. Okay, Sunday, Monday off. So then on Monday you would get a
- 16 | text saying whether you'd be working on Tuesday?
- 17 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 18 Q. So you typically do work Tuesday through Saturday?
- 19 A. Depends on what --
- 20 Q. Depends on --
- 21 A. -- what the company says.
- 22 | Q. Okay. Roughly how many hours a week do you work?
- 23 A. It varies quite a bit. I would anywhere between 25 to 30
- 24 | something. I'm not quite sure in calculating that.
- 25 Q. Okay. So would you say 25 plus or minus hours a week?

- 1 A. I want to -- like you said, we want to be precise. I would
- 2 have to look at it.
- 3 Q. Okay. That's fine. Okay. So looking back, the actions on
- 4 Wednesday, so Monday when did you get up that day? What was your
- 5 | schedule?
- 6 A. Monday I was off of work. I can't remember when I got up. I
- 7 | sleep in until I wake up and spend a -- had a normal day at home.
- 8 Q. Okay. So I don't know what your schedule is like. I mean,
- 9 would you wake up like in the morning or in the afternoon or in
- 10 | the evening?
- 11 | A. Late mornings from 10:00 in the morning -- 10:00, 11:00 in
- 12 | the morning, unless I have something going on where I have the
- 13 | need to wake up earlier.
- $14 \parallel Q$ . Okay. So you think that was possibly what Monday's schedule
- 15 was? You got up around 10:00 or 11:00?
- 16 A. Yes, Monday, I would think so, yes.
- 17 | Q. Okay. And then you have a meal?
- 18 A. Yes, when I get hungry.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- 21 | Q. And then what time did you go to bed Monday evening?
- 22 A. Probably like late, after midnight.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Okay, so that's Tuesday morning. What time would you
- 24 | -- did you wake up?
- 25 | A. I woke up whenever -- after having a long night like that, I

- would estimate around 10:00 in the morning, but I didn't have -- I
- 2 woke up naturally.
- $3 \parallel Q$ . Okay. And you had Tuesday off?
- $4 \parallel A$ . No, Tuesday I worked.
- $5 \parallel Q$ . Okay. So tell me about your day Tuesday. You woke up around
- 6 10:00. What time would you have left for work?
- 7 A. I worked at 3:00 p.m. I like to get there early. Usually I
- 8 | leave my apartment around 1:45, 2:00 to get to work nice and
- 9 early.
- 10 Q. Okay. What is your commute time?
- 11 A. 15, 20 minutes, give or take.
- 12 Q. Okay. So between that time when you wake up at 10:00 and
- 13 1:45, you would have had a meal and you would have --
- 14 A. Eat a meal, come to wake up, do my bed, general stuff.
- 15 Q. Okay. Good. So that brings us to what time did you go on
- 16 | your shift?
- 17 A. Tuesday, I went on duty at 1500, 3:00.
- 18  $\parallel$  Q. Okay. And it was the same shift that you had on the day of
- 19 | the accident?
- 20 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 21 | Q. Okay. So did anything unusual happen that day?
- 22 A. Tuesday, no.
- 23 | Q. Okay. And who was your engineer that day?
- 24 A. Carlos, same engineer.
- $25 \parallel Q$ . Okay. And so when I asked if anything unusual happened, that

- 1 includes, you know, anything in the environment outside, anything
- 2 with your engineer, anything with the people at Brightline or with
- 3 anyone you would interact with?
- $4 \parallel A$ . I can't remember anything unusual or out of place.
- 5 Q. Okay, good. So what time did you get off on Tuesday?
- 6 A. I would have to look. I would think it was somewhere around
- $7 \mid 11:00, 11:30$  ish. I can get you the exact time but give or take
- 8 11:30.
- 9 Q. Okay, that's okay. And then is your commute home about the
- 10 | same?
- 11 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you go right home?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. So a 15, 20-minute commute.
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- 16 \ Q. And what time would you go to bed?
- 17 A. Before 1:00 in the morning.
- 18 | Q. Before 1:00, so a little before?
- 19 A. A little before 1:00, so 12. I don't keep track of it, but
- 20 | it was about -- before 1:00 in the morning.
- 21 | Q. Okay. And then what time did you wake up?
- 22 A. Again I woke up naturally, I would say anywhere between 9:00
- 23 | and 10:00 in the morning, give or take.
- $24 \parallel Q$ . Okay. And then, what time would go to work?
- 25 A. I left my apartment, same thing, about 1:45. I had to be at

- 1 work at 3:00 p.m.
- Q. Okay. Would you say that you get a good night's sleep
- 3 usually?
- 4 A. Oh, yes. Sleep's important.
- 5 Q. Okay. Yes, it is. And you mentioned that you wake up
- 6 | naturally, so.
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay, good. So then that brings up to when you arrived at
- 9 work, which would be at what time on the day of the accident?
- 10 A. I arrived at work?
- 11 | Q. Um-hum.
- 12 A. 2:30, 2:35.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then what time would you have taken the train out
- 14 | for your first run?
- 15 A. I actually got on the train probably, like -- again this is
- 16 | all estimates in my mind -- after we did what we needed to do in
- 17 | the office, we go to the train in West Palm. Probably around
- $18 \parallel 3:30$ , we were on the train.
- 19 Q. Okay. And do you ever have any interaction with the
- 20 | passengers? I know that --
- 21 A. Yes. After we do our brake test (indiscernible) take control
- 22 of the train and prepare to depart. I do step outside as the
- 23 passengers are getting on. I say hello, talk to them a little
- 24 | bit. Sometimes they ask us for -- they're going in, I help them
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out.

- Q. Okay, good. Okay. So that about covers that for me. Thank you.
- 3 A. Okay, thank you.
- 4 MR. BACHMEIER: Thanks, Dr. Ann.
- 5 BY MR. BACHMEIER:
- $6 \parallel Q$ . Juan --
- 7 | A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. -- before you heard the transmission from the northbound
- 9 train, could you see that vehicle?
- 10 A. I could not.
- 11 Q. Do you know when you could see the vehicle? When did you
- 12 guys visually see that?
- 13 A. The situation was very compact. I saw the vehicle when the
- 14 | freight train headlights went past us. I don't know exactly --
- 15 | like I said it was very quick. He called it out, put in
- 16 emergency, I pull the horn, and then, you know, we saw -- I saw
- 17 him on the tracks.
- 18 0. So basically, the --
- 19 | A. It was --
- 20 Q. -- northbound went by you, and then you could actually see
- 21 and then you saw it?
- 22 A. Yes, but it was very --
- 23 Q. Yes. No, I appreciate that. And then your on-duty spot is
- 24 West Palm Beach and then West Palm Beach to Miami is your normal
- 25 | run back and forth.

- A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. I had to look it up. I'm good.
- $3 \parallel A$ . Yes.

- 4 Q. Juan, is there anything that you think could have prevented
- 5 | this accident?
- 6 | A. No.
- $7 \parallel Q$ . If we have any follow-up questions, would you be okay if I --
- 8 we reached out to you?
- 9 | A. Sure --
- 10 (Crosstalk)
- 11 A. -- absolutely.
- 12 Q. Okay. Well, on behalf of the NTSB, I thank you for your time
- 13 and cooperation. And we're glad to see that it was a tragic
- 14 enough event, but --
- 15 A. Definitely tragic.
- $16 \parallel Q$ . -- that you guys didn't incur any injuries on that
- 17 | locomotive. But that's all I got.
- 18 MR. BACHMEIER: And this concludes our investigation -- or
- 19 interview. I always say that.
- 20 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the

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