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DESIGN DIRECTIVE

To: Distribution

From: Erik Stoothoff, P.E. *EJS*
Chief Engineer

Date: August 26, 2021

RE: Track Shimming

Shimming of track between rail tie and tie plate in order to achieve proper vertical alignment shall not be permitted for new, reconstructed, or rehabilitated track work. In the event that conditions warrant deviation from this directive, a design waiver signed by the Chief Engineer is required.