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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ronald Ester
Chief Safety Officer
MBTA Safety Department
185 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111

RE: "Overshooting" platform reported to DPU

Dear Mr. Ester,

On March 6, 2023 a Department of Public Utilities track engineer and I were present with an instructor and section repair person to conduct an independent review of track conditions and the MBTA's compliance with the agency safety plan. DPU walked the red line section of track between Ashmont and Savin Hills on the southbound track. As a result of this inspection, the current version of the MBTA rule book and special orders the DPU identified a condition that requires an immediate corrective action.

Therefore, the DPU directs you to take the following actions:

1. MBTA safety will initiate an investigation into what contributing factors led to multiple trains "overshooting" the platform between 3/3/23 and 3/5/23 as reported by the instructor assigned to the DPU on 3/6/23.
2. MBTA will report the findings to DPU in a formalized investigative report.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert N. Hanson
Director Rail Transit Safety

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