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Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation Control- EJ&E
West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

On behalf of the Village of Bartlett, Illinois I am writing to express the Village's strong opposition to Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's (CN) request for establishment of time limits for NEPA review and final decision (CN-33) that was filed before the Surface Transportation Board on May 13, 2008. I urge the board to reject CN's self-serving request and allow the NEPA review process to continue on its current course.

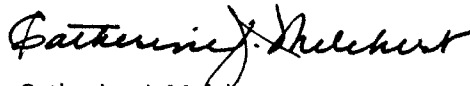
During the scoping period, the Village and other participants raised several issues regarding the scope of the study. These issues require additional consideration beyond that originally planned in the draft scope of study. The changes include such concerns as:

1. Expanding the projection of rail traffic from three to five years
2. Forecasting highway traffic until 2020
3. Evaluating the net increase in emissions
4. Evaluating the potential increase in noise and vibration
5. Addressing quantities and types of hazardous materials that would be transported
6. Including vehicle delay analyses in some instances of highway/rail at grade crossings with less than 2500 vehicle crossings per day
7. Evaluating impact on regional passenger rail (METRA)

In prior cases, the EIS process has ranged from approximately 18 months to several years. Under the schedule requested by CN, the time from the issuance of the final scope at the end of April to the completion of the final EIS would only be six months. This is an outrageous request given the potential impacts the proposed transaction has on a number of communities.

Rejecting CN's request for a time frame to be set on the NEPA review and final decision process will allow for the comprehensive evaluation warranted by a proposal of this magnitude. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine J. Melchert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Catherine" being more prominent than the last name "Melchert".

Catherine J. Melchert
Village President