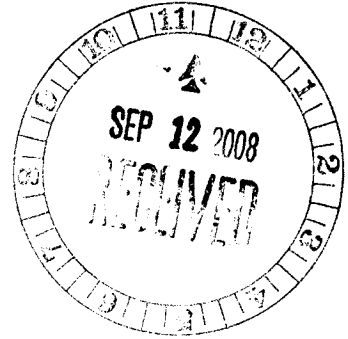




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September 4, 2008

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395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Canadian National Railway Co, et al. - Control - EJ&E
West Company, STB Finance Docket No 35087

Ms. Quinlan:

The City of Harvey would like to submit this letter of support for the Canadian National Railway Expansion/Acquisition Project. The reasons for the City's support are due to the following:

1. Importance to the Region

- The Chicago region is considered the transportation hub of North America and is surpassed only by Hong Kong and Singapore as an intermodal port. The City of Harvey is considered to be the transportation hub of the south suburban region and many rail trains utilize the rail lines within our community on a daily basis.
- Existing rail congestion can force a freight train to take more than 24 hours to travel through Chicago, an area that is only about 30 miles in length (Howard St. on North and 127th St. on the South). In that same 24-hour period, a CN freight train can travel from the Chicago to Winnipeg in western Canada (approximately 860 miles). Many communities including the City of Harvey would like to seek rail traffic relief.

2. Economic Benefits

- The DEIS found that the transaction could open up capacity in rail yards where CN would reduce activity and could enhance the region's competitive position in the worldwide marketplace.
- To the extent that proposed construction would not require use of developed lands, the transaction would not affect local property tax revenues.

3. Environmental Benefits

- Freight train transportation is one of the most environmentally responsible means of transportation available. Freight trains emit three times less carbon dioxide into the air than trucks. One freight train can carry the same amount of cargo as 280 semi-trailer trucks.

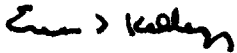
4. Environmental Justice

- Minority and low-income communities adjacent to three CN lines inside the EJ&E would experience decreases of more than eight trains per day; resulting in decreases in noise, delay at grade crossings, risk of accidents at grade crossings and risk of hazardous materials releases.
- Largely minority or low-income communities would no longer disproportionately experience adverse noise from freight trains as a result of this transaction.

The reasons above are detailed reasons for the City of Harvey's support for this acquisition. CN currently has a transportation center in the City of Harvey. We are delighted to hear about their expansion and future development and congestion mitigation efforts. CN has been a good neighbour within the City of Harvey and we look for to the future growth and expansion of this company. My administrative staff was informed by a representative from CN that this project would not hinder operations in our community or open the door for closure but expansion of this company. The City of Harvey believes in economic growth and development in the region.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support for the expansion and future congestion mitigation efforts of Canadian National Rail. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact LaTonya Rufus, Director of Planning, in my office at 708-210-5346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Kellogg".

Eric J. Kellogg
Mayor
City of Harvey