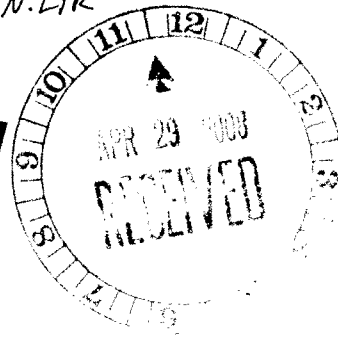


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## Village of Mount Prospect

50 South Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

April 21, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Canadian National Acquisition of the EJ&E Company – STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On behalf of the Village of Mount Prospect, I would like to express our support for the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E") by the Canadian National Railway Company ("CN"). The proposed acquisition is expected to positively impact our community due to the substantial decrease in freight traffic (19 trains/day to 2 trains/day based on a three year projection) and the genuine possibility that commuter service on Metra's North Central line, which travels over CN's Wisconsin Central tracks, will expand and improve.

We acknowledge that in order to remain a major transportation hub for the nation, the Chicago metropolitan area must embrace and support regional transportation initiatives such as these. CN's proposed acquisition, which would divert a significant amount of freight traffic from the Chicago metropolitan's core rail infrastructure and onto underutilized rail capacity around the perimeter of the Chicago area, should reduce freight congestion and travel times, pollution from idling trains, and costs resulting from shipping delays.

Admittedly, the proposed acquisition may negatively affect some of our neighboring communities along the EJ&E line with increased freight traffic and commuter line disruptions. We suggest that a portion of the proposed \$100 million now dedicated to EJ&E infrastructure improvements be used to permit enhanced train operations, including safer speed increases and rerouting.

Furthermore, as proposed, there are no restrictions on CN's future ability to incrementally increase freight or other rail traffic on the EJ&E or the CN Wisconsin Central tracks that serve Metra's North Central line. We suggest that the STB establish line capacity restrictions to ensure

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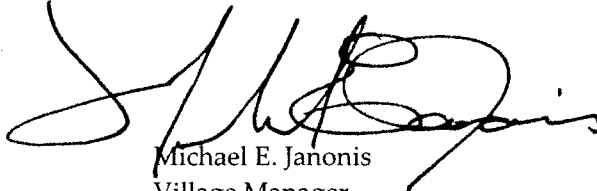
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that the proposed acquisition's initial benefits to the region are not diluted in the future by increased freight or other non-commuter rail traffic.

Finally, we hope the Surface Transportation Board's ("STB") Environmental Impact Study will address the concerns of all communities affected by the proposed acquisition and provide reasonable solutions. Moreover, we expect Canadian National to adequately respond to all the issues and concerns raised and meet the requirements set forth by the STB study.

Since it is in the best interests of our community and the region in general, the Village of Mount Prospect respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board approve the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company by Canadian National, currently filed as STB Finance Docket No. 35087. Please enter these comments into the official record of these proceedings.

Sincerely,



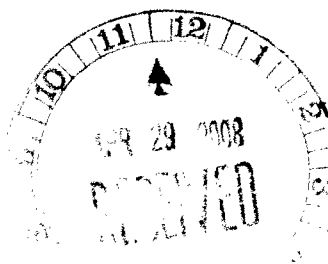
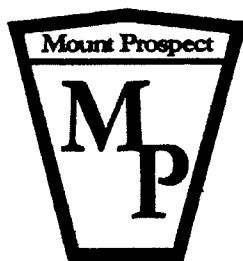
Michael E. Janonis  
Village Manager

MCD

c: Irvana Wilks, Mayor  
Village of Mount Prospect Board of Trustees  
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference Executive Director

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STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
                                      ) SS  
COUNTY OF COOK       )

I, M. Lisa Angell, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Village Clerk of the Village of Mount Prospect and as such, am keeper of the records and files of said Village.

I do further certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 12-08, "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY" passed at the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held April 15, 2008 at which time the Village Board voted as follows:

AYES:       Hoefert, Juracek, Korn, Lohrstorfer, Zadel

NAYS:       None

ABSENT:    Corcoran, Wilks

all as appears in the official records and files of the Village of Mount Prospect.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2008.

M. Lisa Angell  
Village Clerk  
Village of Mount Prospect  
Cook County, Illinois

(Seal)

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-08**  
**SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN**  
**RAILWAY COMPANY BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mount Prospect desire to express the Village's support for the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E") by the Canadian National Railway Company ("CN"); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed acquisition would permit freight train traffic to be diverted away from the Chicago metropolitan's core infrastructure and onto underutilized rail capacity around the perimeter of the Chicago area, thereby improving the surface transportation system for the entire region, including reducing freight travel times, pollution from idling trains and costs resulting from shipping delays,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed acquisition would permit for better utilization of the CN Wisconsin Central rail line, upon which Metra operates its North Central Service commuter line, thus creating an opportunity for improved and expanded Metra service to address unmet weekday service demand and commencement of weekend service, thereby improving the quality of life in the region, enhancing the viability of the North Central Service and adding value to the past investments made in capital improvements to the line.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION ONE:** That the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mount Prospect request the Surface Transportation Board approve the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company by the Canadian National Railway Company, currently filed as STB Finance Docket No. 35087.

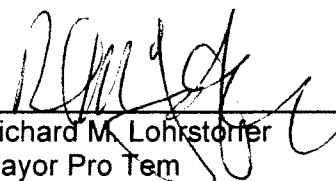
**SECTION TWO:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval in the manner provided by law.

**AYES:**           Hoefert, Juracek, Korn, Zadel

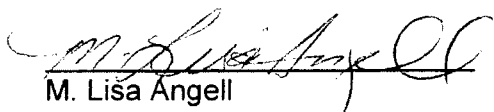
**NAYS:**           None

**ABSENT:**       Corcoran, Wilks

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008

  
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Richard M. Lohrstorfer  
Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
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M. Lisa Angell  
Village Clerk

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