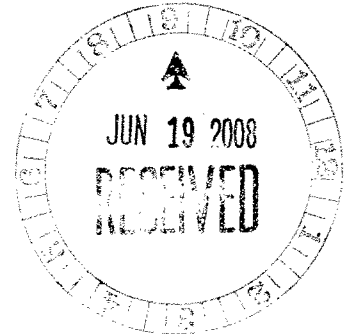


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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087 – *Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I wrote to you a few months ago expressing the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's support for Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of most of the assets of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E) Railway. The Indiana Chamber supports this transaction for all of the economic, environmental, safety and congestion relief benefits it will bring to our state.

Further, we support the Surface Transportation Board (STB) discharging its duties and conducting a thorough examination of this transaction. However, we are concerned that no time limit has been placed on the STB's examination, specifically the environmental review process, and encourage a timely review and decision.

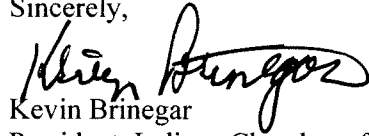
The Indiana Chamber represent thousands of companies and small businesses that make proposals, solicit bids, advertise positions, embark on projects, and engage in mergers and acquisitions after periods of due diligence. Very few of these business actions are conducted without working timelines or explicit deadlines. One can imagine how difficult it would be to plan or arrange for financing in such a climate of uncertainty.

To leave the environmental review process completely open-ended, or to establish an unreasonably extended deadline on what the STB itself determined to be a "minor transaction", would create a situation in which the bureaucratic process could drive the outcome, rather than the merits of the transaction itself. It is unfair to the parties to the transaction and this kind of precedent would be especially devastating to the numerous smaller regional and short-line railroads in Indiana that lack the resources to endure such a process. The result would be lost economic opportunities, lost efficiencies and, ultimately, lost rail service to our state.

Again, the Indiana Chamber supports the STB thoroughly examining issues of concern to affected communities within a reasonable timeframe. We urge the STB to establish a reasonable deadline in which to conclude its review.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Brinegar", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Brinegar

President, Indiana Chamber of Commerce