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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Suite 1149
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Re: Finance Docket No. 35087, *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company*

Dear Mr Williams:

Technical Propellants, Inc., a substantial shipper located on EJ&E at Morris, Illinois, hereby supports the Petition for Reconsideration that was filed by Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company (IHB) on December 17, 2007.

The very substantial number of notices of intent to participate in the proceeding lends compelling support to IHB's contention that Canadian National's control of EJ&E would have extensive regional transportation significance, as well as national transportation significance. See 49 U.S.C. § 11325(a)(2). Congress intended that such a proceeding be processed in accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 11325(c) (i.e., under time frames for what the Board calls "significant transactions"). As IHB convincingly points out (Petition at 20, n. 19), it is anomalous that the procedures for consideration of the environmental effect of the proposed acquisition would be considerably more extensive and thorough than the procedures for consideration of the merits.

However, if this transaction continues to be treated as a "minor transaction," then surely the flood of filings of intent to participate establish that it will involve by far the most public participation of any previous minor transaction. That being the case, procedural due process requires that the Board provide for the maximum time for public filings in the matter. The intervening Holiday Season, which takes 2 to 3 weeks out of available preparation time,

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underscores the need for that maximum time. At a minimum, therefore, the Board should extend the January 28 filing date for the public by that 2-3 week period, i.e., to Friday, February 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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