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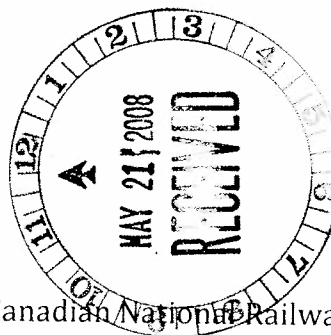
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company
and Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to express my support for the CN's purchase of the EJ&E. I live in and serve on the Village Board of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois. Our Village is located approximately 10 miles west of Chicago's downtown loop area. We pride ourselves on the fact that we have the benefits of the big city but maintain our small town sense of community, making Forest Park a special place to live, work and do business.

One of the exceptional assets of our region is our transportation system. However, this system has continually ranked third in the nation as most congested. In addition to traffic congestion, our rail system has been experiencing increased traffic and continued growth in delays. We need to act as a region to improve and enhance this unique asset of the Chicago region. Our rail system not only contributes to our local economy, but also to the national economy as well.

The CN is proposing a privately funded solution that will make use of an existing but underutilized rail line. This proposal is a common sense solution to a significant transportation problem. I ask the Surface Transportation Board to look at the regional benefits this project will provide and consider the positive impacts it will have on the entire transportation system and on our economy.

Please approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Curry
Department of Public Health and Safety