



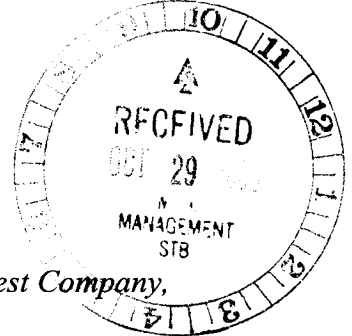
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Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Subject: *Canadian National Railway Co., et al – Control – EJ&E West Company*,
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in support of CN's proposed acquisition of the major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). This transaction will improve rail service in the Chicago metropolitan area, to the benefit of railroads and their customers as well as the Chicagoland region generally.

I represent PotashCorp. PotashCorp is an integrated producer of fertilizer, industrial and animal feed products. We are the world's largest fertilizer enterprise by capacity, producing the three primary plant nutrients – potash, nitrogen, and phosphate. Potash shipped to the United States is primarily used as fertilizer for agricultural crops such as corn and soybeans.

We produce potash at six mines in Saskatchewan. CN is the originating carrier at five of the six mines, and handles 100% of the potash we ship through the Chicago corridor into the United States. Of the approximately three million metric tons of potash we ship into the United States, 60% is routed through Chicago, where CN interchanges our traffic with other Class I carriers. We are very dependent on rail transportation to get our potash to the United States market, as over 98% of the potash we ship into the United States is shipped by rail in covered hopper cars. We also purchase sulfur from Canadian supplies and ship over one million metric tons each year by rail to our phosphate plants in North Carolina and Florida. A little over half of these shipments originate on CN and typically go through the Chicago corridor.

CN's proposed acquisition would help to reduce congestion in the Chicago region by rerouting CN traffic from its existing lines to the less congested EJ&E line in suburban Chicago. The more efficient rail operations that will result will benefit CN and other railroads, as well as rail customers such as my company. Importantly, the transaction also will reduce congestion for approximately 60 communities in the region, bringing meaningful environmental benefits to millions of people.

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The reduced congestion and increased efficiency that this transaction would bring are important to rail customers and to the health of our nation's freight rail network. I urge the Board to recognize the many benefits of this transaction to the transportation system and to issue a final decision approving this transaction before the end of 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Bob Felgenhauer
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