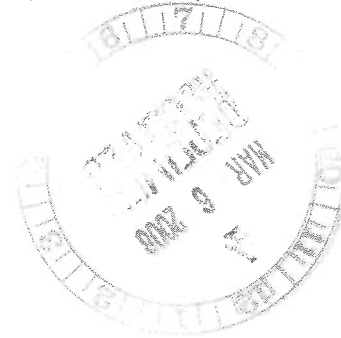


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February 27, 2008

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



Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

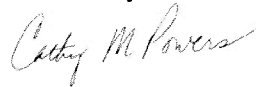
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry, I am writing to voice our support for Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

One of the current concerns of the Wheeling/Prospect Heights community and a topic of some discussion lately with our municipal politicians is the traffic and transportation issues that we are facing on a daily basis. While we understand that the Chicago metropolitan area is a major transportation hub for many goods and services passing through or arriving in the Midwest, we must consider the toll it takes on our residents and workforce employees that face the continuing rise in the amount of rail traffic in our area.

CN's acquisition of E J & E seems to be a wise step towards streamlining rail operations and improving economic and public safety benefits in the region.

We firmly believe this acquisition is in the best interests of the businesses and residents of the Wheeling and Prospect Heights area, as well as the entire region, and urge you to support the proposal.

Sincerely,



Cathy M. Powers
Executive Director
WPH Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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