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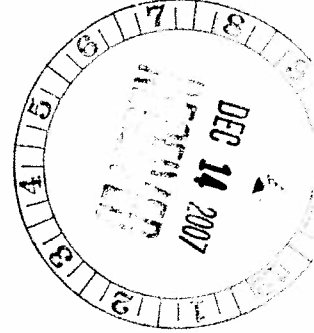
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Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation
 – Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

**VERIFIED STATEMENT
 OF
 Craig Thompson
 On behalf of the
 Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin**



My name is Craig Thompson and I am Executive Director of the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin. I am currently in my first year with the organization. My job as Executive Director of TDA is to serve as primary spokesperson, educating the public and policy makers about the needs and challenges facing our transportation system.

Prior to joining TDA, I worked for the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) for over sixteen years. Most recently, I was legislative director for the association with responsibility for the overall legislative program at both the state and federal levels. In my capacity as legislative director of WCA, I was appointed by Governors Thompson, McCallum and Doyle to serve on numerous statewide boards and commissions.

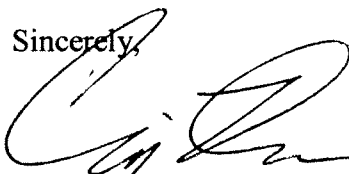
The Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin is a statewide nonprofit organization working to promote understanding of the crucial role that a safe, efficient and reliable transportation system plays both in providing mobility for the people of Wisconsin and in driving the growth of our state's economy. Now in its fourth decade, TDA represents the interests of more than 400 members, including businesses, labor, units of government, and organizations, as well as individuals, all working to ensure the vitality of our transportation network. TDA's primary goal is the development and maintenance of a safe, balanced and interconnected transportation network that can meet our present and future mobility needs efficiently and effectively.

Rail service plays a major role in what we do so anything that reduces transit times moves us closer to the rest of the world. Conversely, delays to our shipments due to train traffic congestion in Chicago only moves us further away from the rest of the world and makes our region less competitive. That's why TDA supports CN's acquisition of the

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E). This transaction strengthens our region and makes our economy more connected and more competitive with the rest of the world.

We anticipate further benefits from the streamlined rail operations, new efficiencies and additional investment that this transaction will bring. The Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin strongly supports CN's application.

Sincerely,



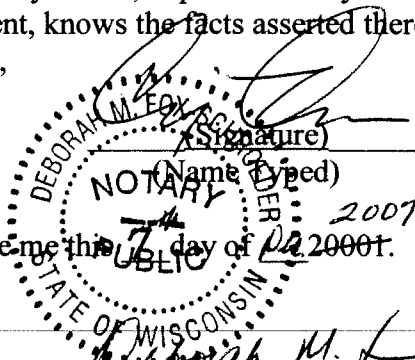
Craig Thompson
Executive Director

VERIFICATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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CRAIG THOMPSON
(Name) _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that (he/she) has read the foregoing document, knows the facts asserted therein, and that the same are true as stated,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Feb 2000.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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