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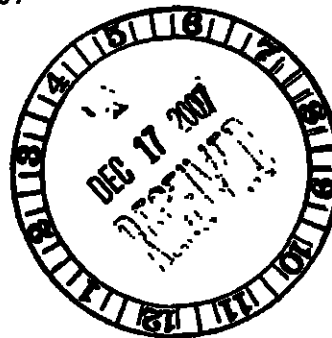
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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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

Dear Secretary Williams

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the signed originals, and ten copies, of two statements in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007)

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Hirsh".

David A. Hirsh
Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company
and Grand Trunk Corporation

Encl

cc All parties of record



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GENLYTE THOMAS GROUP LLC



DATE November 30, 2007

**VERIFIED STATEMENT
OF
James L. Nadeau
On behalf of
THOMAS LIGHTING- Div of GENLYTE GROUP LLC**

- I, James L. Nadeau am currently employed by Thomas Lighting, a division of the Genlyte Thomas Group LLC as Director of International Sourcing, a position I have held for fourteen years. My office is located at our world headquarters at the address noted on the letterhead of this document
- As Director of Sourcing I am responsible for design, development, outsourcing and delivery of lighting fixture products sold by my division. In addition, I serve as primary liaison between Genlyte Thomas and ocean freight service providers. As noted above, I have held this position with Genlyte Thomas for fourteen years. For five years prior to this time, I was an outsourcing manager for The Franklin Mint, based in Hong Kong where I was engaged in activities similar to my current responsibilities. Throughout my career I have been directly responsible for the timely and safe transportation of my companies' products from their source factories in the far East to USA distribution warehouses

Genlyte Thomas is a leading provider of Luminaires (lighting fixtures) for the commercial, industrial, municipal, and residential markets. We are a full service provider of lighting covering every lighting need. Our products are made in domestic factories and imported complete from outsource factories primarily in the Far East. Our distribution rely heavily on the timely delivery of finished saleable goods, And our domestic factories rely heavily on timely arrival of imported components to supplement local parts supplies. We use many transportation networks to accomplish this import program including shipping containers through CN Worldwide with final destination of Elgin, IL.

- Elgin IL, is our biggest entry point receiving about two thousand four hundred FEU's annually. Several other facilities available to the CN operations areas can and do use these CN worldwide resources as available with favorable results

- We understand that Canadian National is requesting authority to acquire and operate the EJ&E West Company. We strongly support this application as the combined company would offer improved efficiency for movements through the Chicago area
- With this acquisition, CN expects the following with regard to the proposed transaction: (1) It would more efficiently link CN's lines to, from, and within Chicago; (2) It would allow additional traffic to be routed around downtown Chicago; (3) It would create new single-line service opportunities for presently interlined CN- EJ&E movements, and (4) CN intends to make significant infrastructure investments on the EJ&E lines it is acquiring that will add additional capacity and improve rail fluidity on those lines and in the broader Chicago area.

Without a doubt, a smooth integration of EJ&E's assets into the CN system will occur, given CN's prior history and experience of integrating other carriers such as Illinois Central, Wisconsin Central, and GTW.

"We believe that the proposed acquisition will provide significant benefits to shippers. Our company supports the application."

- Verification

I, James L. Nadeau, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement. Executed on (date).

Nov. 30, 2007
James L. Nadeau
 James L. Nadeau

STATE OF Kentucky)
 COUNTY OF Jefferson)

James L. Nadeau, 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,

James L. Nadeau
 (Name Typed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 2007

Linda B. Shepard
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires
4-24-2009

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December 10, 2007

Verified Statement of Edward M Bumbacco
On behalf of
Algoma Steel Inc

My name is Edward M Bumbacco I am the Manager Corporate Logistics Purchasing & Stores for Algoma Steel Inc where I have worked for the past 33 years In my current position, I have primary accountability for the Logistics (Shipping and Traffic) and Procurement functions of the corporation I specifically oversee various aspects of rail transportation services, including routings and distribution networks in Canada and the United States

I am writing this statement to express Algoma Steel's support for Canadian National's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E West Company

For over 100 years, Algoma Steel has been a producer of steel products including Hot and Cold Rolled Sheet as well and Plate Some of the customers to which we ship our products through CN's Chicago gateway rail destinations include

Concord Steel, Century Steel, Allied Tube and Sun Steel

Our company supports Canadian National's request for authority to acquire & operate EJ&E West Company By combining many of the lines of the present EJ&E into its network, CN will be able to offer improved efficiency for movements through the Chicago area

In addition, the ability of CN to move its traffic out of center-city Chicago should result in faster, more reliable shipments, with reduced backlogs and possibly additional capacity in the Chicago area We also expect a smooth integration of EJ&E West Company into the CN network, given CN's prior history and experience of integrating other carriers such as Illinois Central, Wisconsin Central, and Grand Trunk Western

We believe that the proposed acquisition will provide benefits to Algoma and our company supports the application Although we understand that the STB must conduct an environmental review of the proposed transaction, we urge the Board to do so as expeditiously as possible and not to let opponents of this highly beneficial project abuse and delay the review process

I, Edward Bumbacco, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement



Edward M. Bumbacco

Certificate of Service

I certify that I have this 17th day of December, 2007, served copies of the foregoing two documents, the statements of James L Nadcau, on behalf of Thomas Lighting, and Edward M Bumbacco, on behalf of Algoma Steel Inc , upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. Nadcau", is written over a horizontal line.