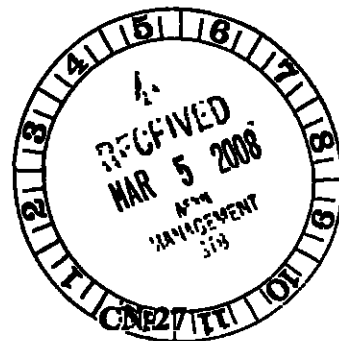


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BY HAND DELIVERY

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Office of the Secretary
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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

Dear Ms. Quinlan

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are an original and ten copies of the Verified Statement of Robert Mai on behalf of Potlatch Forest Products Corporation in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007).

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Very truly yours,

David A. Hirsh

Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company
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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record



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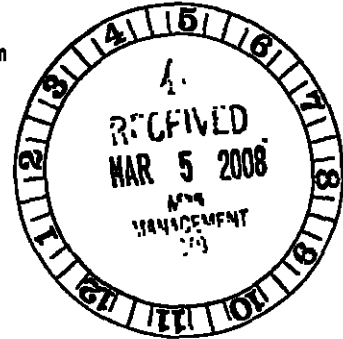
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT
OF
Robert Mai
On behalf of
Potlatch Forest Products Corporation**

I am responsible for the market development, sales, & transportation for all solid wood products produced by Potlatch Forest Products Corporation. I've been with Potlatch Corporation since 1989.

Potlatch Forest Products Corporation is a diversified forest products company wholly owned by Potlatch Corporation. We manufacture plywood, particleboard, stud & dimensional lumber as well as paperboard, pulp, and a variety of consumer goods tissue products. Our manufacturing facilities utilize rail, truck, barge, ocean, and air transportation modes to deliver our products to market. We have over 12 operating companies throughout the country with direct rail access to the CN, UP, and BNSF. The CN is the main line service provider for our stud mill located in Gwinn, MI. The CN also serves several of our customers receiving shipments from ID, MN, and AR as well as MI. We also have customers served by the EJ&E. We have many shipments moving north & south through Chicago on the CN.

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.

Since our solid wood business is subject to rapid price changes, timely delivery of our products is vital to our success as well as that of our customers. We feel that this acquisition will provide faster, more reliable service on our rail shipments going through Chicago or delivering in the greater Chicago area. It will also provide direct line access to our customers located on the EJ&E.

Potlatch Corporation previously owned an OSB mill located in Cook, MN that was served by the WC. When the CN acquired the WC, the transition was seamless to our operations. Given our experience with prior CN acquisitions, we would expect a smooth transition of the EJ&E into the CN family

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our support for the proposed acquisition as we believe it will provide added benefits to Potlatch Forest Products Corporation as a rail shipper.

Verification

I, Robert Mai, 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.

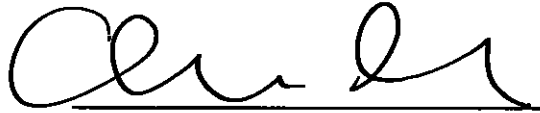
Executed on March 3, 2008

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Robert Mai
Vice President of Sales
Potlatch Forest Products Corporation
Wood Products Division
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 5th day of March, 2008, served copies of the foregoing letter, transmitting a letter by Robert Mai on behalf of Potlatch Forest Products, 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 'Christine Mellen', written over a horizontal line.

Christine Mellen