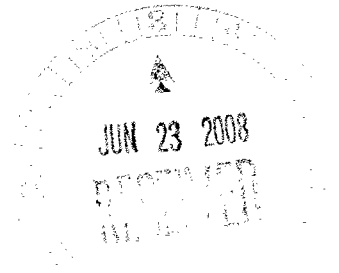


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June 9, 2008

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Canadian National Railway Com., et al. – Control – EJ&E West Company,
STB Finance Docket No. FD-35087-0

Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of the Wheeling Police Department, Illinois, I am writing to express support for the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E West Company by the Canadian National Railway Company.

One of our community's major thoroughfares, Dundee Road, has an at-grade crossing with the Wisconsin Central Line. Recent years have seen an increase in train traffic on that line, which has led to a commensurate increase in street-vehicle congestion. As in many of our neighboring communities, vehicular and train congestion in the Village of Wheeling is a problem that merits immediate attention. The train congestion creates delays in the response to emergency calls within the Village. The acquisition of EJ&E West by Canadian National would permit Canadian National to re-route trains from the badly-congested Wisconsin Central Line to the less-congested EJ&E line, thereby positively impacting train and street traffic throughout the region.

The Wheeling Police Department supports this acquisition, and we urge the Surface Transportation Board to review and approve it in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stone".

John Stone
Chief of Police

Cc: J. Mark Rooney, Village Manager

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