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June 12, 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 Secretary Quinlan,

On behalf of the Village of East Hazel Crest, our residents and business owners, I urge the Surface Transportation Board to approve the Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway.

The Village of East Hazel Crest, our residents and businesses, will not only see a direct benefit of decreased trains in and near our community, but hope to see an economic benefit from strengthening the rail industry in the south suburbs. Diverting rail traffic from overly congested tracks to the under-utilized EJ&E rail line makes sense from an economic standpoint.

In addition to alleviating the travel delays caused by blocked rail crossings across the region, decreasing rail congestion will diminish the environmental effects of idling trains awaiting passage on congested tracks. It will also make it easier for our industry and businesses throughout the region to move product to and from their sites.

In closing, I hope that the Surface Transportation Board moves quickly to approve Canadian National's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Brown
Village President

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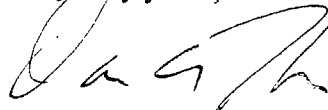
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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are letters by the Fire Chief for the Village of Wheeling, Illinois, Chicago Alderman Freddrenna M. Lyle, the Village of East Hazel Crest, the South Chicago Chamber of Commerce, and Holland L.P. in support of the proposed acquisition of control of EJ&E West Company by Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation. Please note that Holland L.P. also writes in support of Applicants' Request for Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision (CN-33, filed May 13, 2008). We understand the signed originals are being mailed directly to the Board.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record

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