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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

October 18, 2007

David A. Hirsch
Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company
1700 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-3804

Re: STB Finance Docket 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company

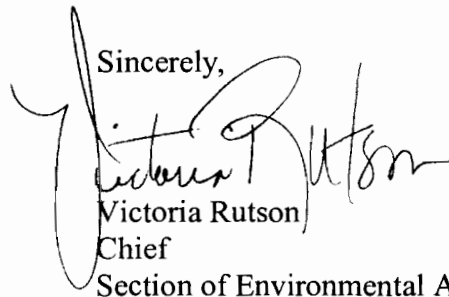
Dear Mr. Hirsch:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is approving, under 49 CFR 1105.10(d), HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) as the independent third-party consultant for the above-cited proceeding. HDR will assist the Board in preparing the appropriate environmental document in connection with Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk's forthcoming Railroad Control Application, proceedings for the regulatory authority for the creation of the EJE West Company, and any related proceedings before the Board.

I have attached a disclosure statement and ask that you forward it to HDR to complete and return to us. As we previously discussed, SEA will direct, supervise, review, and approve all environmental documents prepared by the independent third-party consultant in this proceeding. Additionally, we must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which outlines the responsibilities of the applicant, the consultant and SEA. The MOU should be signed by the applicant, forwarded to HDR for signature, and returned to SEA. The purpose of the MOU is to establish an understanding between the applicant, the consultant, and SEA regarding the conditions and procedures each party must follow in preparing all environmental documentation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Phillis Johnson-Ball at (202) 245-0304 or me at (202) 245-0295.

Sincerely,



Victoria Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On behalf of HDR Engineering, Inc., I certify that HDR has no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective application in STB Finance Docket 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Truck Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____