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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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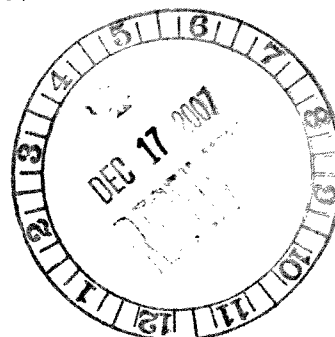
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Re: **Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk  
Corporation - Control - EJ&E West Company (STB Finance  
Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Secretary Williams:

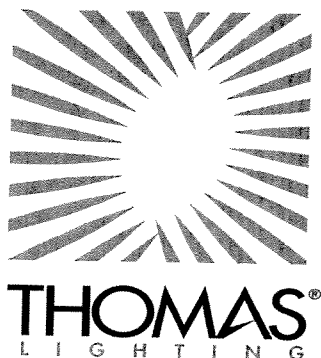
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the signed originals, and ten copies, of two statements in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007).

Very truly yours,

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

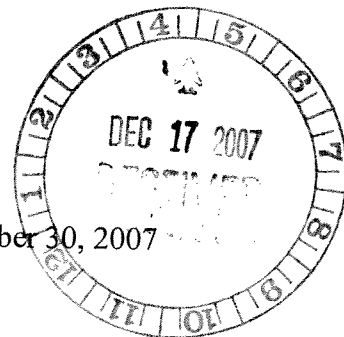
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GENLYTE THOMAS GROUP LLC



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  
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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. Sieford  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
4-24-2009

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