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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company

Village Administrator

Russell F. Wajda

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

**Assistant Village
Administrator**

Village Treasurer

John T. Flood, Jr.

Village Attorney

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I am writing to notify you of the Village of Hillside's support of the CN's purchase of the EJ&E. As you well know, the Chicago region is congested with freight traffic. Projections have freight traffic increasing over the next 20 years at alarming rates. We cannot keep putting the increased volumes of freight on the same rail lines that already clog our transportation system and our communities.

The EJ&E is currently an underutilized freight line in our region. Use of this rail line can provide relief to communities like Hillside and others in the west Cook County area. I hope the STB will look at the regional benefits and benefits to inner-ring communities as part of its decision-making process.

Thank you for allowing the Village of Hillside the opportunity to submit our comments and participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Wajda
Village Administrator

Surface Transportation Board
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