



FOND DU LAC AREA ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

Building Community and Commerce

220764
Agri-Business Council • Agricultural Ambassador
Ambassadors Club • Communications Council
Downtown FDL Partnership • Education Committee
Human Resources Assoc. • Leadership Fond du Lac
Safety Council • School to Work Program
Association of Commerce Foundation
Young Professionals of Fond du Lac

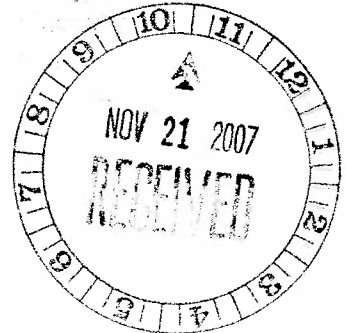
November 14, 2007

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings

NOV 21 2007

Part of
Public Record



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

**VERIFIED STATEMENT
OF
Joseph Reitemeier
on behalf of
Fond du Lac Area Chamber of Commerce**

My name is Joe Reitemeier and I am President and CEO of the Fond du Lac Area Chamber of Commerce. I have held this position for 22 years. During these 22 years, I have had the privilege of serving as a member of the Executive Committee and as Vice Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, a multi-national organization of over 4,500 Chamber of Commerce professionals. I have served on the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives Association. Currently I hold positions on numerous local boards, including Mid-States Aluminum Corporation and the Agnesian Healthcare System Board. I am writing to inform you that the Fond du Lac Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports CN's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E). In our view, it is a good deal for all stakeholders.

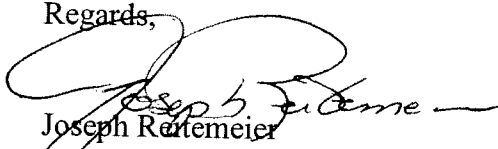
Although our community is a long way from Chicago, our businesses that depend on good rail service are often impacted by congestion in the Chicago gateway. CN's acquisition of certain EJ&E assets will more efficiently link CN's rail traffic coming in and out of Wisconsin. Without question, our companies will benefit from the streamlined rail operations and reduced congestion resulting over time, as well as the new efficiencies and operating improvements the acquisition will bring to CN's network. We understand that many of these upgrades to the system are among the goals of the CREATE project and that CN's acquisition and integration of the EJ&E will have the effect of advancing a number of CREATE's objectives more quickly.

In addition, the acquisition will be another step forward in CN's long-term commitment to reduce costs, improve service and to provide customers with more single-line market opportunities. It also fits nicely into the broader operational improvements CN has been making to its U.S. operations, such as at the North Fond du Lac Yard.

Finally, we urge the STB to categorizes this acquisition as a minor transaction and approve it, so that our businesses and community can begin realizing the benefits of this transaction as soon as next year.

Because of the numerous benefits that this acquisition will provide, the Fond du Lac Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the application.

Regards,


Joseph Reitemeier

President & CEO

Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Wisconsin
COUNTY OF Fond du Lac

Joseph Reitemeier, 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,

Mary P. Gilles
(Signature)

Mary P. Gilles
(Name Typed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of November 2007.

Mary P. Gilles
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

5/1/2011