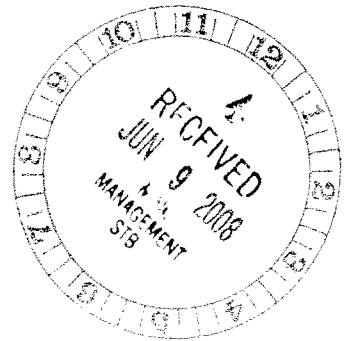




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Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Canadian National Railway – EJ & E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

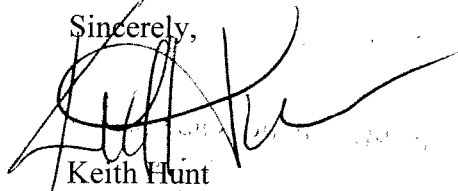
I am writing to express my strong opposition to Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's (CN) request for establishment of time limits for NEPA review and final decision (CN-33) that was filed before the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on May 13, 2008 for the above-referenced docket. We urge the board to reject CN's request and allow the NEPA review process to continue on its current course.

The proposed acquisition represents a devastating challenge to our community that will adversely affect us including long, frequent, heavily-loaded, round-the-clock freight trains that will block our road crossings approximately every 46 minutes; cause significant increases in vehicle traffic congestion; cause delays in police, fire and ambulance emergency services; increase noise and diesel engine exhaust pollution; and generally affect the safety and welfare of children and other residents.

In an attempt to converse on several of these important issues, I met with representatives of the Canadian National Railway Company. There was no discussion and dialogue because of their arrogance and blatant disregard for our community needs. As an example, when asked about double or triple tracking in our community they told me that this would not happen but when pressed to put that in writing as a guarantee the response from CN was absolutely "no." Also when asked about funding improvements at train crossings of major roads in our community the CN representatives had a blank stare and could not understand what I meant by "funding." The proposal on the table now by CN would leave our community completely blocked for emergency assistance as one of their trains could simultaneously block our two key intersections at the same time. This could be disastrous to our community.

With the ground swell of comments and concerns that our community has shown on this issue, I urge the STB to reject CN's request for a time frame to be set on the NEPA review and final decision process. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Keith Hunt
Mayor