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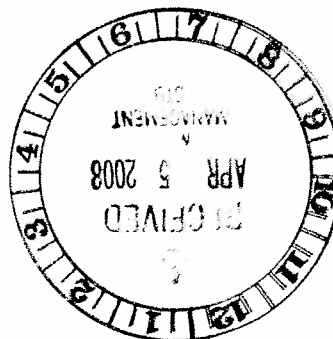
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April 9, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001



Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed herewith please find a Certified copy of "A Resolution to Support the Proposed Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad," No. 359-08 which was adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Elmwood Park on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk
Enclosure

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

I, ELSIE SUTTER, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly qualified and elected Clerk of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, Illinois, and that as such Clerk I do have charge of and custody of the books and records of the Village of Elmwood Park, Illinois.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the following is a true and correct copy Of "A Resolution to Support the Proposed Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad", # 359-08 which was duly adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Elmwood Park on the 7th day of April 2008.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the original of which the foregoing Resolution is a true copy and on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Village of Elmwood Park, Cook County, Illinois, this 8th day of April 2008.

Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk
Village of Elmwood Park

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND
EASTERN RAILROAD**

WHEREAS, one third of the nation's freight rail traffic moves to, from or through the Chicago area every year making it the transportation hub of North America, and

WHEREAS, rail congestion has significantly slowed freight traffic through the Chicago region to the point where it can now take a freight train 24 hours to travel the thirty miles through the City of Chicago, slowing rail transportation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, opening up capacity on urban rail lines means that all rail traffic will move more efficiently and smoothly through the city; and

WHEREAS, freight trains are three times more fuel-efficient and emit one-third less pollution than trucks carrying comparable loads, thereby lessening the drain on the nation's energy reserves; and

WHEREAS, a typical freight train carries the equivalent of 280 truck-trailer loads, thereby alleviating highway congestion by keeping time-sensitive freight on the rails rather than diverting to highways; and

WHEREAS, rail transportation is crucial to the region economically touching five million jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS if the problem of rail congestion in the region goes unchecked, it could cost the region \$2 billion in production with impacts on 17,000 jobs over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) a model public-private partnership, initiated more than five years ago, developed a comprehensive long term plan that would revitalize the area's transportation network by reconfiguring rail traffic through the Chicago Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the CREATE comprehensive plan still hasn't received full government funding, even though it has had wide support from every level of government, the private sector and a broad cross-section of non-governmental groups and organizations; and

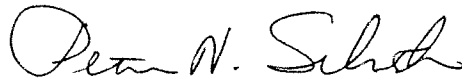
WHEREAS, Canadian National Railway Company, a founder and strong proponent of CREATE since its inception, has proposed rerouting its traffic from the congested urban rail lines to the under-utilized Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway at its own cost and expense, thereby opening up new capacity on those urban lines; and

WHEREAS, by rerouting its traffic, Canadian National Railway Company will relieve freight congestion on many of the Chicago's region rail lines, thereby reducing travel times, pollution from idling trains and costs resulting from shipping delays, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Elmwood Park urges the Surface Transportation Board of the U. S. Department of Transportation to approve the application of the Canadian National Railway Company to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway as a valuable enhancement of the region's rail network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the acting secretary of the Surface Transportation Board.

ADOPTED by the President and Board of Trustees on this 7th day of April, 2008.



Peter N. Silvestri
Village President

ATTEST:



Elsie Sutter
Village Clerk