

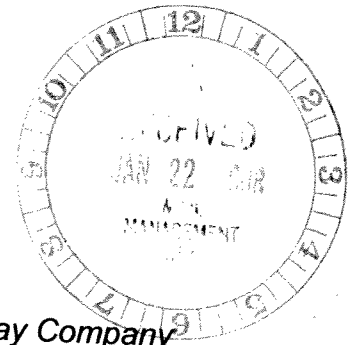


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Secretary
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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087, *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, a Michigan non-profit corporation representing its members who are Amtrak rail passengers in the State of Michigan, is concerned that the actions proposed by Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation ("Petitioners") will negatively impact the timeliness of the ten (10) daily passenger trains operated by Amtrak that serve the State of Michigan. Furthermore, the actions proposed by the Petitioners may negatively impact implementation of the U.S. intercity passenger rail network envisioned by the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission with regard to Michigan service and elsewhere.

The Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers respectfully requests the Surface Transportation Board to consider the impact of Petitioners' proposed actions on Michigan passenger train service and make mandatory any infrastructure improvements needed to maintain service levels, particularly on already congested routes serving Chicago Union Station via Grand Crossing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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