

Mazda North American Operations



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Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

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

I am writing to offer my company's strong support for the proposed acquisition of certain EJ&E assets by Canadian National Railway. This acquisition should help relieve congestion in downtown Chicago and we believe improve transportation services both for Canadian National's customers and for EJ&E's customers. Mazda North America would benefit through reduced dwell time in the Chicago area while awaiting railcar interchange between Canadian National and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway.

We believe the proposed transaction should increase shipper's ability to quickly and efficiently move traffic through a key hub in the country's rail infrastructure. Chicago is a congested, heavily traveled corridor which often results in dwell time delays within the current network. We believe this transaction should allow a more efficient link between CN and the nation's other railroads by enabling traffic to be routed around downtown Chicago and avoiding commuter lines and delays.

We believe this transaction would be in our best interest, as well as the interest of our customers because it should produce better service, better equipment utilization, and more competitive rates.

In conclusion, Mazda North American Operations supports the application of Canadian National's proposed acquisition of EJ&E's assets as it should provide significant benefits to shippers.

Sincerely,
Mazda North American Operations

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brenda K. Perez'.

Brenda K. Perez
Manager, National Transportation

Cc: T. Manning/MNAO
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