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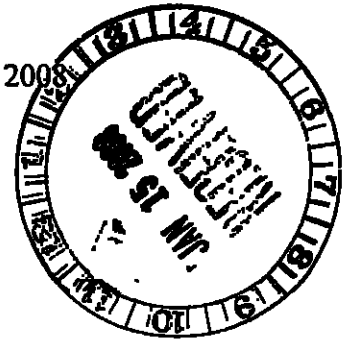
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Subject: *Canadian National Railway Co., et al— Control EJ&E West Company, STB Finance Docket No 35087.*

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Village of South Holland to support the proposed acquisition by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) of control over the EJ&E West Company.

The Village of South Holland is located on CN's Grand Trunk Western Railway line, to the south and east of the downtown Chicago area. Over the years, our citizens have been subject to frequent instances of vehicular traffic disruptions and idling trains in our community. If approved, the transaction will allow CN to reroute its trains from having to go into the core of the Chicago region, using a more fluid route around the metropolitan region, which will have the end result of dramatically reducing the conditions that we are currently subject to.

We recognize that the entire Chicago region has benefited from the presence of railroads, without which the industrial movement that provided the region's economic engine for support could not have been possible. We are not immune to the growing levels of congestion in the region that are adding to our residents' frustrations with being able to move freely from one place to another, as a result of CN's inability to move efficiently across their own tracks due to their congestion issues. We recognize this project as one that will provide a more efficient surface transportation option for the greater good of the entire region, including the motoring public.

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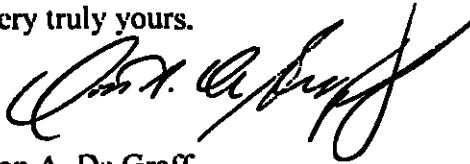
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We urge the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to approve the proposed transaction as expeditiously as it can.

Please enter these comments into the record of this docket.

Very truly yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don A. De Graff", written in a cursive style.

Don A. De Graff
Mayor / Village President

cc. All Parties of Record
Victoria Rutson, Chief
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