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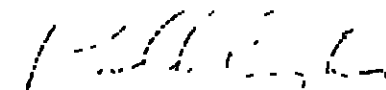
The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E Street, S W
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are statements by The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, The Honorable Bart Stupak, United States Representative, and Richard A. Hofeld, President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007). We understand that the parties are mailing their signed originals directly to the Board.

Very truly yours,



Paul A. Cunningham
Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company
and Grand Trunk Corporation

Enclosure

cc All parties of record



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RICHARD M DALEY
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January 15, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq
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Subject: *Canadian National Railway Co , et al - Control - EJ&E*
West Company, STB Finance Docket No FD-35087-0

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

My staff has reviewed the transportation impacts of the proposal by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to acquire control over the EJ&E West Company, and have concluded that this transaction will improve rail service through the northeastern Illinois region and will have no adverse effect on competition. We therefore ask that the STB complete its environmental review process and approve the proposed transaction.

The City of Chicago currently suffers from congested rail corridors into and out of the City. This congestion not only delays movement of trains traveling through the region, but results in blocked grade crossings and idling locomotives outside of congested yards, which adversely impacts adjoining neighborhoods, degrades air quality, and wastes energy. The City of Chicago is a partner in and strong supporter of CREATE, which was designed to reduce rail congestion around the region. We believe this transaction will advance specific CREATE objectives more expeditiously than envisioned by CREATE and without the need for public funding.

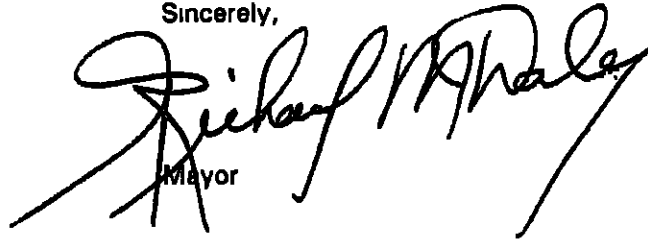
As train traffic moves off of certain CN lines throughout the region and is consolidated on the EJ&E, some communities along the EJ&E will experience negative impacts from the additional train traffic they will experience. We urge the STB to address the concerns expressed by these municipalities and work with them to mitigate any unintentional negative impacts that they may experience due to this action.

Additionally, we have a concern regarding the impact of this acquisition on Amtrak and request the STB to join us in asking that CN work with Amtrak to identify and alleviate any negative operational impacts that may result from the acquisition.

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These concerns notwithstanding, we urge the Board to complete its environmental review process in an efficient and thoughtful manner, and to approve the transaction as in the public interest. Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Mahoney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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January 8, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I support the proposed acquisition by Canadian National Railway of the major portion of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E"). I am pleased that the Board has determined that this review will be handled as a "minor" transaction under the Board's regulations, and I ask that this letter be included in the public docket regarding this case.

There are significant benefits to the State of Michigan associated with this transaction, including faster and more reliable rail service for the state's shippers. Rail transportation is of vital importance to the state of Michigan and to our businesses operating in the state. I support CN's proposed acquisition of EJ&E rail lines because the railroad industry must be able to operate as efficiently as possible to meet customer's needs. The acquisition of these new rail lines would allow CN to reroute many trains traveling through Chicago's city center to the city's periphery thereby streamlining the flow of goods to and from Michigan.

Thank you for your consideration of my views concerning this transaction and I hope the Surface Transportation Board will advance a decision as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK
Member of Congress

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am the President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois, and I am submitting this letter in support of the proposal by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to acquire control over the EJ&E West Company

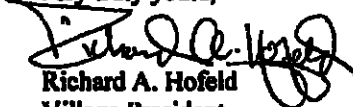
The Village of Homewood is fortunate to be the location for the headquarters of CN's Southern Region, which encompasses the operations of all of CN's U S subsidiaries. CN is an excellent corporate citizen of Homewood, and through my extensive experience with their management, I can attest that they deliver on the commitments they make, and are conscious of their civic responsibilities to the communities through which they operate.

The acquisition of the EJ&E will result in improved rail service for customers throughout the Chicago region and beyond, and will result in a reduction of rail traffic and rail congestion through the center of Chicago. Indeed, the Village of Homewood will experience a significant reduction in daily train traffic (from an average of more than 13 trains per day to 8 trains per day). Other communities along the EJ&E line route will experience higher levels of traffic as a result of the re-routing of trains; however, based on my experience with this company, these communities can expect that the CN will deal with them in good faith to find ways to minimize the impact of additional traffic.

Finally, I recommend that the Board approve this transaction in an expeditious manner. The impacts of the transaction are on balance clearly positive, both for the transportation network and for the environment. Certainly, the environmental review process should be thorough so that all impacts are identified and appropriate mitigation considered, but the process should not be needlessly delayed.

Please enter these comments into the official record of these proceedings.
Thank you

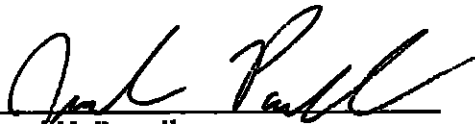
Very truly yours,


Richard A. Hofeld
Village President



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 17th day of January, 2008, served copies of the foregoing letter, transmitting the statements of The Honorable Richard M Daley, Mayor of Chicago, The Honorable Bart Stupak, United States Representative, and Richard A Hofeld, President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois, upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method


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