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March 3, 2008

John Oldenburg  
Director of Natural Resources  
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County  
P.O. Box 5000  
Wheaton, IL 60189-5000

**Re: STB Finance Docket Number 35087, Canadian National Railway Company  
and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company;  
Request for Assistance**

Dear Mr. Oldenburg:

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the above-captioned proceeding. In order to adequately assess potential environmental impacts that could occur to sensitive areas of concern within DuPage County (Pratt's Wayne Woods, West Chicago Prairie, Roy C. Blackwell, and Night Heron Marsh), I am asking for your assistance.

I understand that it could be burdensome to provide us with the information below. If we can take steps to ease the amount of work needed to assemble the information we are requesting, please feel free to contact Mr. Ryan Keith of HDR at (217) 585-8300. Mr. Keith will make arrangements to make copies of the documents and other information you are able to point us to. This information is important for us to conduct a thorough assessment of the potential impacts of the CN proposal on sensitive areas within DuPage County.

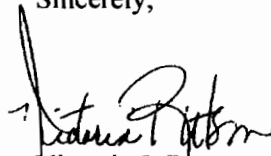
For Pratt's Wayne Woods, West Chicago Prairie, Roy C. Blackwell, and Night Heron Marsh:

- Do you have GIS and shape file information; reports, inventories, or planning documents that pertain to wildlife, water, watersheds, wetlands, streams, plant communities, monitoring, birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, Threatened and Endangered Species and their elemental occurrence records?
- Do you have information on public land use for recreation, development in sensitive areas, noise, hydrology and hazardous materials fate and transport?
- In addition to the areas identified above, are there any additional areas of concern within DuPage County that we should be aware?

I sincerely hope this request does not present too much of an administrative burden on you. Please feel free to let me or Mr. Keith know if there is something more that we can do to

ease the amount of work attendant to this request. I can be contacted at (202) 245-0295 and Mr. Keith's number is listed above. Thank you for your assistance and your participation in the environmental review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria J. Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "R".

Victoria J. Rutson

Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis