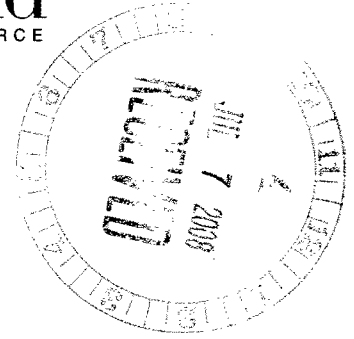


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June 27, 2008

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Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Please accept this letter as notification that the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is in support of the CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E. The Chicago Southland region encompasses the south and southwest suburban area of Chicago, a vast region with 86 communities, and 2.5 million residents. Several regional organizations, multi-national companies and numerous businesses co-exist in the region. The region also hosts a significant number of logistic centers, many which are new and imperative to the growth of our region. We are all working together to coordinate economic growth efforts in the region to achieve a common goal.

Our organization is interested in the economic vitality of our region. This transaction will help move freight rail traffic more efficiently, clearing up congestion, creating jobs and opening up new economic development opportunities. With freight traffic expected to increase over the coming years, we need to improve and expand our rail system to accommodate the growing flow of commerce to and through our region.

CN, who's U.S. Corporate Headquarters is located in south Cook County, is offering to invest in our infrastructure, which will help provide a solution to our freight transportation woes. This private investment can help strengthen our economy, improve our communities and even contribute to a better environment. Since CREATE has continued to remain substantially under funded, this privately funded alternative will help alleviate some of our freight traffic congestion. We wish the remaining railroads that operate through our region would step up as CN has and invest more private dollars into our freight system.



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We ask the STB to look at the benefits to be derived from this transaction when making its decision. With that said, we also ask that you look to minimize any negative impacts to the communities along the EJ&E, specifically when it comes to safety of the citizens.

We do not want to see the region split into winners and losers, we want this transaction to be a winning situation for all involved. We support a public/private, long-term funding initiative to provide the infrastructure needed to support the necessary changes within our impacted communities. We expect that CN will work with our communities, government and other invested entities to help provide solutions for infrastructure changes.

Thank you for allowing the Southland Chamber of Commerce to submit our comments and our opinion in this matter heard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Zeigler".

Lisa Zeigler
President/CEO