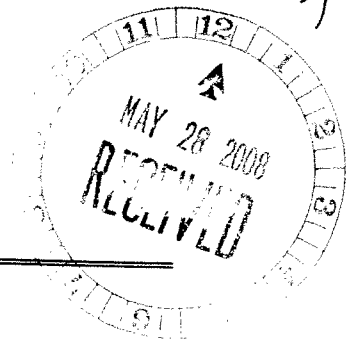


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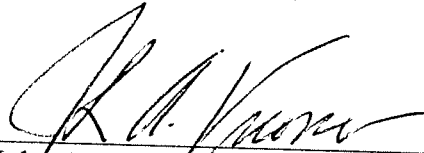
On May 13, 2008, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation ("Applicants") filed with the Board a Request for Establishment of Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision in the above proceeding.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E") is a signatory, as Seller, with the Grand Trunk Corporation ("GTC"), as Purchaser, of the Stock Purchase Agreement ("SPA") dated September 25, 2007, which is discussed in that request. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the position of EJ&E and its indirect parent, United States Steel Corporation ("USS"), with respect to the provisions of the SPA relating to the rights of GTC and EJ&E to terminate the agreement if the transaction is not closed by December 31, 2008.

It is the position of EJ&E that the applicable provisions of the SPA concerning the deadline for closing are clear and unambiguous. It has been the consistent position of EJ&E and USS from the time that the provisions of the SPA were negotiated and finalized and continuing up to the present time that both EJ&E and GTC have the unconditional and unilateral right to terminate the agreement if the closing does not occur on or before December 31, 2008.

Others may interpret the document as they wish, but there is no dispute between the parties as to the interpretation of the language.

Respectfully submitted,



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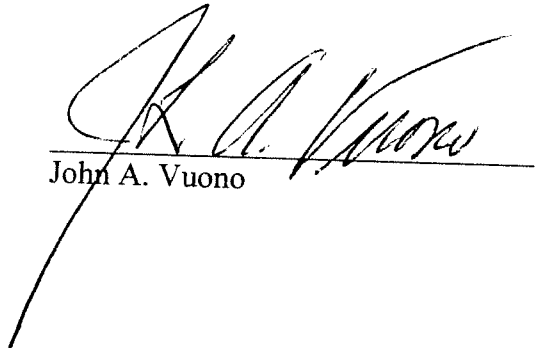
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Reply upon the attorneys for the Village of Barrington, IL, by Federal Express and upon all other parties of record by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Signed this 27th day of May, 2008.



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