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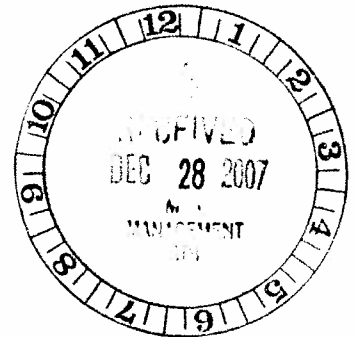
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: *Canadian National Railway Co., et al. - Control - EJ&E
West Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087*

Dear Secretary Williams:

I write regarding the proposed acquisition by the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) of the major portion the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). I urge the Board to proceed rapidly with the preparation of the associated studies and decisions.

Efficient rail service is vital to our automotive industry and manufacturing community in Michigan. Delays in the Chicago area resulting from congested rail lines and yards in Chicago have long hurt Michigan shippers. The proposed transaction will enable CN to reroute many of its trains away from downtown Chicago and onto the EJ&E. This will enhance the efficiency of CN's operations, decrease train delays in Chicago for all railroads, reduce energy consumption, and provide better service for customers.

The Board should look comprehensively at the impact of increased train traffic on some communities along the EJ&E line and impose mitigation conditions as appropriate. A thorough and expeditious review of this transaction will address community concerns, while also allowing the benefits of this transaction to be realized by users of rail service as quickly as possible.

Thank you for considering my views. Please enter these comments into the public docket for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Candice S. Miller
Member of Congress