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June 3, 2008

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087 – Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in support CN's Request for Establishment of time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision, filed in this proceeding on May 13, 2008.

I represent the communities of Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect, that would benefit from this transaction. I believe these communities will see relief from excessive railroad congestion, noise, and possible auto and pedestrian accidents on the tracks.

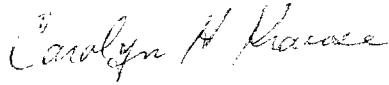
I am aware that some are opposed to CN's request that the STB set target deadlines for completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) and for issuance of a final decision on the proposed acquisition. I agree that the Board should get the information it needs, but CN's proposed schedule provides ample time for it to do so. It is important to stress that the STB has been undertaking its environmental analysis since at least December 2007 and has provided many opportunities for interested citizens, community officials and government agencies to provide comments, including the scoping meetings held in January 2008 throughout the region and the opportunity to comment on the draft Scope of Study.

I understand that in its final scoping decision, the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has identified the issues that need to be studied in its EIS. Under CN's proposed timetable, SEA will continue to have sufficient time to complete its study of these issues and the public will have the opportunity to again provide input to the STB during the period that will be provided for comment on the Draft EIS.

This transaction promises important benefits to the Chicagoland region and to the individual communities in my district. I understand and support the need for a meaningful environmental review, but I respectfully suggest that the SEA has had sufficient time and resources to thoroughly study the environmental issues involved in this transaction and, under CN's proposed timetable, will still have more time to examine these issues and identify appropriate mitigation, where needed.

The principles of good government dictate that governmental processes should not be open-ended. I urge you to adopt the time limits proposed by CN in its filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn H. Krause".

Carolyn H. Krause
State Representative

Cc: Victoria J. Rutson, Chief
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