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

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Please let this letter serve as notice of the Village of Westchester's support of the CN's purchase of the EJ&E. We all recognize that the Chicago region is congested with freight traffic. Projections have freight traffic increasing over the next 20 years at alarming rates. We cannot keep putting the increased volumes of freight on the same rail lines that already clog our transportation system and our communities.

The EJ&E is currently an underutilized freight line in our region. Increased traffic of this rail line can provide relief to communities in the west Cook County area. I anticipate the STB will look at the regional benefits and benefits to inner-ring communities as part of its decision-making process.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments and be involved in this process.

Sincerely,

Paul Gattuso
Village President
Village of Westchester

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