



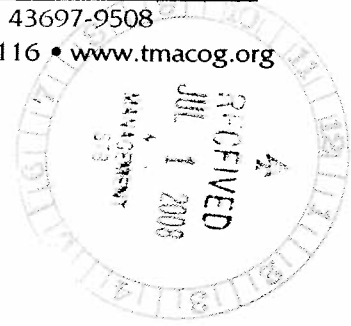
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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
U. S. Department of Transportation
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

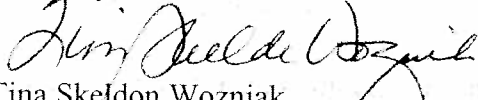
The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is writing in support of the purchase of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Co. (EJ&E) by the Canadian National Railway Co. (CN). This purchase will serve to reduce congestion which affects all the Class I railroads trying to move freight through the Chicago area. The economic benefit to our region would be the swifter arrival of parts for Toledo area manufacturers, as well as easier and faster distribution to the west and south of products originating from Toledo.

As the other Class I railroads are not contending an unfair competitive edge for CN by such a purchase; and since job retention issues have been resolved for EJ&E employees, we recommend that this acquisition move forward in the review process.

TMACOG requests that the purchase of EJ&E by CN be considered a “minor” transaction under STB regulations. We also look forward to a thorough but expeditious Environmental Impact Study (EIS) during this review. In light of the reduction of congestion in the immediate Chicago area, it seems reasonable to expect a reduction in emissions and faster service to areas through out the central part of the country

Thank you for your consideration and please enter this recommendation into the public docket of this proceeding.

Sincerely,


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