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January 21, 2022

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: FD 36500, Canadian Pacific Railway—Control—Kansas City Southern

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Village of Manteno, I am writing to you today in support of CN's requested condition seeking divestiture of Kansas City Southern's (KCS) line from Kansas City, MO to Springfield, IL and East St. Louis, IL to CN should the Canadian Pacific (CP) merger with KCS be approved by the Surface Transportation Board.

CP and KCS have demonstrated they intend to focus their operations and plans for growth across CP's existing line connecting Kansas City to Chicago, making KCS's overlapping corridor between Kansas City to Springfield/East St. Louis redundant to their service offerings and rail operations after the merger. They have made it clear in their merger application they will divert traffic from the Kansas City to Springfield/East St. Louis line and do not plan to invest in that line, leaving the track to slowly degrade and reducing the competitive shipping options for customers in the Village of Manteno that rely on this line to efficiently move goods to domestic and international markets. Without the proposed CN condition, we are concerned that CP's plan will reduce a competitive option over the overlapping corridor and have a detrimental effect on my community.

The Village of Manteno asks the Surface Transportation Board to condition any approval of the CP-KCS merger on CN's requested divestiture condition of the Kansas City to Springfield/East St. Louis line should the Board approve the CP-KCS merger. CN's alternative would eliminate the risk of a languishing corridor to create new single-line service between Kansas City, Manteno, Chicago and Detroit – directly competing with the service that would be provided by CP-KCS. While new beneficial service will be available, no options will be lost as KCS will retain access to the divested lines.

If the divestiture condition is granted, CN has committed to invest at least \$250 million in the Kansas City to Springfield/East St. Louis line to improve transit times, which will directly help our manufacturers and farmers as well as creating new economic opportunity for the Kankakee County area. CN's plan will also create a viable alternative to trucks, diverting an estimated many thousands of trucks per year from the congested highways.

The Village of Manteno is proud of our strong relationship with CN. CN's request that the Surface Transportation Board grant their divestiture conditions aligns with the neighborly and customer-focused approach to business that CN has demonstrated since the inception of our relationship. We urge the STB to realize the public interest benefits of CN's divestiture condition and encourage the Board work closely with the Village of Manteno, CN and all relevant parties to promote regional competition and customer choice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy O. Nugent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Timothy" and last name "Nugent" clearly distinguishable.

Timothy O. Nugent
Village President

cc: Parties of Record