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COMMENTS ABOUT THE CN ACQUISITION OF THE EJ & E

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Chairman Charles Nottingham:

I have worked with railroads for over 40 years as a shipper of food and paper products. I worked with the NYC, PRR, CRIP, BN, ATSF and other railroads long since absorbed into the remaining few giant railroads.

Over the years, I have learned that railroads do not always do what they say they will do. Something seems to happen to prevent them from fulfilling the promised service. This is a systemic problem with the railroads and will not be solved because the railroads do not want to spend the money needed to solve the problems.

As to this particular merger, you have heard many times the effect blocked roads will have on road traffic, emergency vehicles etc. Is the CN going to be responsible because a fire truck could not reach a house on fire or an ambulance couldn't take someone to a medical facility for life saving medical help? The CN will say they are not responsible.

Yet it will be their train blocking the road. If the CN is not responsible, then who is?

The CN says they will run trains that are two miles long. They do not have to run trains this long. The CN does this because it is more economical for them. The effect on the communities and the people the trains pass are not important to the CN.

I would suggest that the CN be fined \$1000 per minute for every train crossing blocked longer than five minutes. This would require monitoring by the community being blocked. The CN would have to pay the fines from previous blockages before they are allowed to move more trains across the road.

It is only when the CN realizes it is more economical to run short trains than pay fines will it act.

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