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In reference to Docket No. FD 36368

RE: Application by Soo Line Corporation for STB approval to acquire the Central Maine & Quebec Railway

Dear Board Members:

Lake Utopia Paper (a Division of J.D. Irving, Limited) submits this letter in strong support of the application filed by Soo Line Corporation ("Soo") to acquire the Central Maine & Quebec Railway (CMQR).

Lake Utopia Paper is a shipper that depends on reliable and sustainable rail service over the CMQR. We are a paper manufacturer that ships rolls of paper via rail across the US.

Lake Utopia Paper supports the proposed acquisition because it:

- Preserves and enhances overall competition in the Northeast surface transportation market;
- Will result in more efficient, seamless rail service;
- Provides customers with enhanced access to markets including to export markets by connecting CP's network to Atlantic ports;
- Produces no competitive harms, as it is an end-to-end transaction; and
- Ensures continued viability of CMQR

For the above reasons, Lake Utopia Paper strongly supports the application of Soo before the STB to acquire CMQR. We respectfully request your expedited review and approval of this minor transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Mosher". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Mosher
Vice President – Pulp and Paper

cc: Parties of Record



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