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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings

FROM: Martin J. Oberman, Chairman

RE: Ex Parte Communications Related to Docket No. FD 36514

DATE: June 14, 2021

On June 9, 2021, I received letters from Mark Trowbridge, President of the Village of Cameron, Wisconsin; Jon Lotz, Village President of Farina, Illinois; and Lory Young, City Administrator of Farley, Iowa, each expressing views regarding the notice by Canadian National Railway Company (Canadian National) of its intent to purchase Kansas City Southern and its railroad affiliates (KCS). I have enclosed copies of these letters with this memorandum. Because Canadian National filed a notice of intent to file an application to acquire KCS on April 20, 2021, in Docket No. FD 36514, this communication is a prohibited ex parte communication pursuant to the Board's decision in Petition of Fieldston Co., Inc. to Establish Procedures Regarding Ex Parte Communication in Railroad Merger Proceedings, Docket No. EP 619 (STB served Jan. 8, 1997). Please place this memo and the enclosed material in the public docket of Docket No. FD 36514.

Village of Cameron

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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: FD 36514, Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and CN's Rail Operating Subsidiaries—Control—Kansas City Southern, the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and the Texas Mexican Railway Company

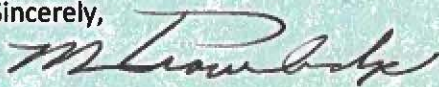
Dear Chairman Oberman:

Recently, Canadian National (CN) announced its proposal to combine with Kansas City Southern (KCS), which would create the premier railway for the 21st century, connecting ports in the United States, Mexico and Canada to facilitate trade and economic prosperity across the United States and particularly in Cameron, WI. I believe that this combination would serve Cameron, WI well by expanding the collective reach of both railroads and bringing new, sustainable transportation solutions to businesses in Cameron, WI and the Northwest Region of Wisconsin.

For many years, CN has been an integral part of the transportation system in Cameron, WI. Their freight railroad safely and reliably connects Cameron, WI businesses, large and small, to markets around the world. Perhaps more importantly, as the most fuel-efficient railroad in North America, CN offers a sustainable transportation alternative to trucks – the more products we move by rail, the more we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and free up capacity on already congested roads and highways.

I have worked with CN for many years and appreciate their responsiveness and openness to the needs of local residents. CN has operated in the U.S. for more than 100 years and is committed to being a strong local partner in every community where it operates. CN has upgraded both the tracks and the crossings in Cameron, making it safer for our residents and visitors. For all of the reasons outlined above, I strongly support CN's proposed combination with KCS and urge you and the Board to give the proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Trowbridge
President, Village of Cameron

Village of Farina

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May 10, 2021

The Honorable Martin J Oberman
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RE: FD 36514, Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and CN's Rail Operating Subsidiaries-Control-Kansas City Southern, the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and the Texas Mexican Railway Company

Dear Chairman Oberman:

Recently, Canadian National (CN) announced its proposal to combine with Kansas City Southern (KCS), which would create the premier railway for the 21st century, connecting ports in the United States, Mexico and Canada to facilitate trade and economic prosperity across the United States and particularly in Farina IL. I believe that this combination would serve Farina, IL well by expanding the collective reach of both railroads and bringing new, sustainable transportation solutions to businesses in Farina, IL and the southern Illinois region.

For many years, CN has been an integral part of the transportation system in Farina, IL. Their freight railroad safely and reliably connects Farina, Illinois businesses, large and small, to markets around the world. Perhaps more importantly, as the most fuel-efficient railroad in North America, CN offers a sustainable transportation alternative to trucks the more products we move by rail, the more we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and free up capacity on already congested roads and highways.

I have worked with CN for many extras and appreciate their responsiveness and openness to the needs of local residents. CN has operated in the U.S. for more than 100 years and is committed to being a strong local partner in every community where it operates. It specifically is a major line or transportation for ADM Grain Company, which uses the railroad system to haul grains from their facility. For all of the reasons outlined above, I strongly support CN's proposed combination with KCS and urge you and the Board to give the proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Lotz, Village President



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Dear Chairman Oberman:

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For many years, CN has been an integral part of the transportation system in Farley, Iowa. Their freight railroad safely and reliably connects Farley, Iowa businesses, large and small, to markets around the world. Perhaps more importantly, as the most fuel-efficient railroad in North America, CN offers a sustainable transportation alternative to trucks – the more products we move by rail, the more we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and free up capacity on already congested roads and highways.

I have worked with CN for many years and appreciate their responsiveness and openness to the needs of local residents. CN has operated in the U.S. for more than 100 years and is committed to being a strong local partner in everyone community where it operates. For all of the reasons outlined above, I strongly support CN's proposed combination with KCS and urge you and the Board to give the proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lory Young".

Lory Young
City Administrator
City of Farley, Iowa