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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 Ms. Brown:

Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden supports CN's acquisition of KCS because of the superior benefits a CN-KCS railway would bring by offering faster, safer, cleaner and more direct service for North-South trade.

I believe that a combination of CN and KCS would help their customers to win their markets. CN's strong track record of success with superior service, intermodal and safety gives us confidence that a combined CN-KCS would be best positioned to serve customers' needs. Additionally, CN's successful track record of acquisitions over the past 25+ years also provides assurance that CN will effectively and seamlessly be able to integrate and partner with KCS.

The combined company would create a network with enhanced end-to-end single-owner, single-operator service which will result in a faster, safer and more economical rail option for customers where they currently rely on trucks and provide shorter distances on many key routes. We are hopeful about this transaction as a CN-KCS rail will be able to provide the seamless transportation and service that would not be available through KCS should it go forward with an alternative combination.

For example:

- The combined company's single-owner, single-operator service would enhance customers ability to be competitive in the markets in which we operate, benefiting important sectors of our economy as our agriculture community and our industrial partners.
- CN's significant experience providing seamless intermodal service throughout their network and across borders.
- CN's strong commitment to engage with local communities and support to local stakeholders.

- Freeing up the 400 series highways congestion.

Central to the CN's bid for KCS is the establishment of a voting trust that benefits KCS shareholders. Joanne Vanderheyden unequivocally supports approval of CN's voting trust. We believe CN's proposed voting trust benefits KCS and its shareholders by creating the opportunity for them to make a fair, informed decision when choosing between the competing offers and by shielding them from the lengthy regulatory approval process that would arise following an acquisition of KCS by either CN or CP.

To ensure fair and transparent review of CN's voting trust, Joanne Vanderheyden also supports CN's request that the STB review CN's voting trust agreement simultaneously with CP's proposed voting trust and that the review process include a brief public comment period. Such a review would ensure a level playing field for the bids.

Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden is confident in and strongly supports CN's proposed acquisition of KCS for all of the reasons as stated above. We hope to see the premier 21st century railway come to life.

Sincerely,

Joanne Vanderheyden | Mayor



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