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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 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:

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (M.D.) is pleased to provide this letter of support for CN Rail in regard to the above project. We are a Rural Municipality in Alberta, Canada that works in partnership with CN Rail to ensure the safe transportation of essential goods throughout Alberta and Canada. CN and the M.D. have successfully worked cooperatively on many infrastructure ventures such as crossing improvements, re-alignments and many construction projects. CN's activities in our area has had an extremely positive impact on our region's economy. Their activities and presence have boosted our local economy through employment, purchases and community investment.

The M.D. 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.

We 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 customer need. Additionally, CN's successful track record of acquisitions over the past 25 plus years also provides assurance that CN will effectively and seamlessly be able to integrate and partner with KCS.

The combined company would create 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 customer's ability to be competitive in the markets in which we operate, benefiting important sectors of our economy as forestry, food and agriculture, oil and gas, manufacturing, etc.
- 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.
- CN's commitment to safety of their infrastructure and transportation with special attention to the safety of the public affected by CN Rail operations.

Finally, we were encouraged by the STB's decision to approve the voting trust for CP's proposed acquisition of KCS and urge the STB to promptly reach the same decision with respect to the identical voting trust put forward for CN's proposed acquisition of KCS. Approving their voting trust will allow KCS's shareholders to make a fair and informed decision on combining with CN.

The M.D. of Wainwright No. 61 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Barss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Barss
Reeve