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SUBJECT: 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 Canadian National Railway Company has been operating in Edmundston, New Brunswick, for more than 100 years. CN is an important employer and well appreciated corporate citizen in our area of Eastern Canada.

The City of Edmundston 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. With a major railroad crossing our city, any initiative which will increase safety must be supported.

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.

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.

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The City of Edmundston is confident in and strongly supports CN's proposed acquisition of KCS, rail safety being our number one concern. We hope to see the premier 21st century railway come to life.

Sincerely,

Eric Marquis
Mayor of Edmundston

cc: Parties of Record