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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
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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:

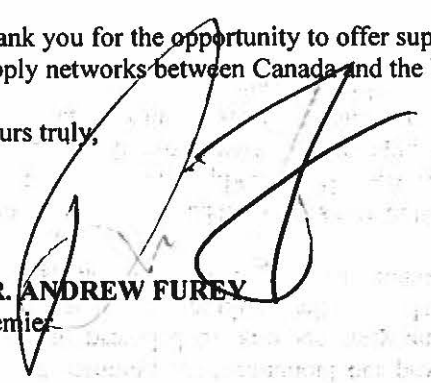
On behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, I write today to provide provincial context regarding Canadian Railways (CN) acquisition of Kansas City Southern (KCS).

CN has a long history in Newfoundland and Labrador providing rail, ferry, and road services to the people of our province, as well as, transportation infrastructure. CN operated the only rail service in Newfoundland and Labrador for decades and provided essential coastal ferry services to rural and isolated communities throughout our province. While rail services in Newfoundland and Labrador today are provided by another party and are limited to select areas of western Labrador, CN's transportation services historically provided critical connections for our people to travel, obtain medical services, and conduct commerce, among other benefits.

Proponents have noted the acquisition of KCS by CN presents an opportunity to improve and strengthen transportation and supply networks between Canada and the United States. Enhanced supply networks could further improve market access opportunities for exporters in Newfoundland and Labrador. As the United States is our Province's primary export market, any improvements to supply chains and service delivery would carry potential benefit for our exporters. With the North American economy beginning its recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and the global demand for goods returning to pre-pandemic levels, safe and reliable transportation infrastructure is more critical than ever.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for the potential strengthening of transportation and supply networks between Canada and the United States.

Yours truly,


DR. ANDREW FUREY
Premier

cc: Parties of Record