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395 E Street S.W. Washington, DC 20423 Re: Canadian Pacific Railway – Kansas City
Southern Merger Proposal Docket No. FD 36500 Dear Chair Oberman: As Mayor of the City
of Wood Dale, a suburb of Chicago with two railroad tracks that traverse three different
crossings through our town, I am writing you with serious concerns about the impact of the
merger of Canadian Pacific Railway with Kansas City Southern Railway (CP-KCS). After a
thorough review of the proposed merger and the projected impacts that this merger will have
on our community, it is evident that the burdens placed on our residents, commuters, and
public safety response times will likely outweigh the benefits cited by the companies in this
merger. Currently, there are approximately 75 trains that pass through our community each
day, which includes commuter and freight trains. The documents supporting this merger show
that Wood Dale would see an increase in freight trains of over 50 percent per day, increasing
from an average of 16 trains per day to 24 trains per day. At an average closure of 6 minutes
per 8,500-foot-long train at 40 miles per hour, this would result in another 48 minutes of road
closures that separate our town in half, slowing or significantly delaying response to
emergency situations. In addition to the public safety concerns, our residents who live near the
tracks will experience a significant increase in noise pollution at all times of the day. Due to
our proximity to the Bensenville railyard, there are concerns of substantial slowdowns or
complete stoppages of trains due to this increased volume. While the proposed merger cites
some environmental benefits such as reduced truck traffic, this merger would increase the
shipping availability of hazardous cargo from states that produce these items that are not
currently operating under this rail system. The impact of an accident involving hazardous
cargo would far outweigh any environmental benefits achieved in the short-term. For these
above-listed reasons, I respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board reject this
proposed merger until these concerns can be mitigated for our residents. Respectfully,
Annunziato Pulice Mayor, City of Wood Dale
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