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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings

FROM: Martin J. Oberman, Chairman

RE: Ex Parte Communication Related to Docket No. FD 36500

DATE: September 15, 2022

On September 14, 2022, I received a letter from PJ Slobojan expressing views regarding the application by Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (Canadian Pacific) to purchase Kansas City Southern and its railroad affiliates (KCS). I have enclosed a copy of the letter to this memorandum. Because Canadian Pacific filed a notice of intent to file an application to acquire KCS on March 23, 2021, and an application to acquire KCS on October 29, 2021, in Docket No. FD 36500, this communication is a prohibited ex parte communication pursuant to the Board's decision in Petition of Fieldston Co., Inc. to Establish Procedures Regarding Ex Parte Communication in Railroad Merger Proceedings, Docket No. EP 619 (STB served Jan. 8, 1997). Please place this memo and the enclosed material in the public docket of Docket No. FD 36500.

09-05-2022

Mr. Martin Oberman, Chair
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, Washington DC 20403



Dear Mr. Oberman and Board

I am writing in opposition to the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern proposed railroad merger.

I live close to the riverfront in Davenport Iowa where amenities such as a minor league baseball park, a riverboat landing dock, a venue for summer concerts and activities, commercial properties, and residences are all "South" of the tracks. Rather than 7 current trains going through daily, the number will increase to 22! This means a tremendous increase in noise pollution and especially raises safety issues as emergency vehicles may not be able to cross the tracks to save a life as they wait for a noisy 2 mile long train to go through. The City of Davenport has spent countless hours and money to develop our riverfront. My fear is the merger will ruin our city, our riverfront with the increase in numbers, in traffic, with potentially unsafe loaded cars.

And for what? So that a train can run from Canada to Mexico? So that river towns along the route can be destroyed? So that more money can go into the pockets of an already very rich corporation?

Please consider this merger carefully and oppose for the good of our livelihood. Thank you.

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