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Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: Docket No. FD 36744, Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway
Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket are letters from SMART-TD and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen encouraging the Board to expeditiously approve, with appropriate labor protective conditions, the proposed combination of CN and the Iowa Northern Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matthew J. Warren

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*Counsel for Canadian National Railway
Company and Grand Trunk Corporation*

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 12th day of August, 2024, a copy of the foregoing filing was served by email or first-class mail on the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the U.S. Attorney General c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, and all parties of record on the service list for Docket No. FD 36744.

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Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control-Iowa Northern Railway Company, Docket No. FD 36744

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the membership of SMART-TD, we write to reiterate our support for STB approval of the proposed combination of CN and the Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR).¹ SMART-TD represents conductors and locomotive engineers on IANR and conductors on CN's Chicago, Central & Pacific (CCP) in Iowa.

CN and SMART-TD have negotiated an implementing agreement that will provide significant wage increases for conductors and locomotive engineers on IANR after an approval decision by the STB becomes effective. We understand that the STB previously announced that it would issue a decision in this proceeding by July 26, 2024, with an effective date 30 days later. We strongly encourage the STB to swiftly approve the proposed transaction, with appropriate labor protective conditions, so that IANR employees can avail themselves of the benefits associated with the transaction, including the significant negotiated wage increases.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy R. Ferguson
President, Transportation Division, SMART-TD

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CC: Tom Sullivan, CN
Doug Mandalas, CN

¹ See SMART-TD Support Statement, Application, Appendix C (Jan. 30, 2024)



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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa
Northern Railway Company, Docket No. FD 36744**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the membership of BLET, I write to reiterate BLET support for STB approval of the proposed combination of CN and the Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR).¹ BLET represents locomotive engineers on CN's Chicago, Central & Pacific (CCP) in Iowa.

CN and BLET have negotiated an implementing agreement that will establish BLET representation of the current IANR locomotive engineers and provide significant wage increases for these locomotive engineers after an approval decision by the STB becomes effective. I understand that the STB previously announced that it would issue a decision in this proceeding by July 26, 2024, with an effective date 30 days later. I strongly encourage the STB to swiftly approve the proposed transaction, with appropriate labor protective conditions, so that IANR employees can avail themselves of the benefits associated with the transaction, including the significant negotiated wage increases.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Evans
General Chairman, BLET-IC/CCP

CC: Tom Sullivan, CN
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¹ See BLET Support Statement (Apr. 26, 2024).