



**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Washington, DC 20423**

*Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration*

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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company; Verification of Information Needed for Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Gower:

Thank you for your letter to me dated March 29, 2008, in which you request a copy of the information provided to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) by the Canadian National Railroad (CN) in response to two information requests sent by SEA to CN. You note that, while you have been able to locate on the Board's website my letters to CN requesting information, you have not been able to locate CN's responses and therefore believe that the responses have not been posted to the website. You ask to be provided copies of the information CN has provided SEA. (CN provided two sets of information – one labeled CONFIDENTIAL and one labeled REDACTED that can be made available to the public.)

I have examined our website and found that, although CN's responses are posted, there are so many documents (well over 4000) posted to the website that finding information can be challenging. To make the information submitted to SEA by CN more easily accessible to the public, I have added links to SEA's project website for this proposed acquisition. That website's address is [www.stbfinancedocket35087.com](http://www.stbfinancedocket35087.com). Once you have accessed that web address, please click on the button on the left hand-side that says "Information Request." Under that button, each of SEA's information requests to CN is posted, along with all of the information submitted to SEA by CN in response to each request, including the information submitted in electronic format on compact disks. Please note that we have posted only the REDACTED versions of the information submitted to us by CN.

I understand that you and your consultant, Mr. Charlie Taylor, have executed the appropriate exhibits to the Protective Order, therefore giving you access to materials deemed confidential (or highly confidential) by CN. I ask that you request the information CN

designated as confidential directly from CN's legal counsel, Mr. Paul Cunningham and Mr. James Guinivan, at Harkins Cunningham.

Finally, with respect to what SEA should seek from CN in further information requests on the planned operations, the Draft EIS will address each of the environmental resource areas detailed in the Board's Final Scope. If you or any other interested party believe that the analysis in the Draft EIS is incomplete or inadequate, you will have the opportunity to request that SEA conduct further analysis in response to your comments, for the Final EIS.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (202) 245-0295 or Phillis Johnson-Ball of my staff at (202) 245-0304.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "Rutson" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria Rutson  
Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis