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Ms. Anne K Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: Canadian National Acquisition Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The Canadian National Railway Company (CN) is a critical interchange partner with the Columbus and Greenville Railway (CAGY) in Greenwood, MS. CAGY customers must have a consistent and reliable level of service from our railroad and our Class I connections as they are critically important to our shippers for the delivery and receipt of goods to and from their markets.

The proposed CN acquisition of part of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway (EJ&E) is expected to help the speed, efficiency, and reliability of freight traffic moving in and through the Chicago gateway. Many of CAGY's customers depend on CN to transport their traffic through this gateway and are very supportive of this acquisition and the improved efficiencies which will be gained as a result.

CN and its predecessors have been outstanding rail partners with CAGY and its customers for more than thirty-three years and has provided valuable and dependable rail service for tens of thousands of rail car loads during that period, working hard to meet the needs of more than a dozen communities throughout CAGY's service area. We believe CN has demonstrated that same level of commitment to the local communities along the EJ&E route as they have worked through the acquisition process.

With the release a few days ago of the Environmental Statement regarding this proposed transaction; the way appears to be clear for the final ruling on this application. On behalf of the many shippers, customers, and the employees of CAGY, I respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board complete its review of the CN - EJ&E transaction as soon as possible, and announce a favorable decision. CAGY is strongly in favor of the transaction.

Respectfully,

Roger D. Bell, President
Columbus and Greenville Railway