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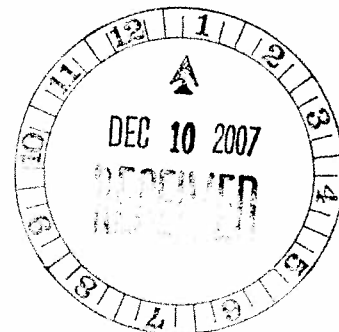
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk
Corporation Control – EJ&E West Company, STB Finance
Docket No. 35087

I have reviewed the transportation impacts of the proposed acquisition by the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and its affiliate to acquire the EJ&E West Company, and I have concluded that this transaction will improve rail service in and around Chicago. The ancillary benefits to Michigan include faster more reliable rail service to our important Michigan shippers, in that the congestion in Chicago will be significantly relieved, helping not only CN move more quickly, but the rail industry overall.

Moreover, significantly eliminating blocked crossings and idling locomotives outside of congested rail yards that adversely impact air quality and wastes energy is one more step in addressing dependence on foreign oil.

My support for the acquisition reflects the significant benefits to Michigan shippers. I understand that the Surface Transportation Board will be looking into localized impacts in Illinois through its environmental review process, and if appropriate, will impose conditions to mitigate those impacts. I have been told by CN that it is reaching out to those communities to identify these issues and to assist these communities in addressing them appropriately.



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In my opinion the overall benefits of this transaction on the entire region which include the Great Lakes States and the rail industry overall greatly outweigh any localized impacts.

I therefore recommend that the STB approve this acquisition as a minor transaction.

Please enter these comments into the record of this docket.

Sincerely,

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