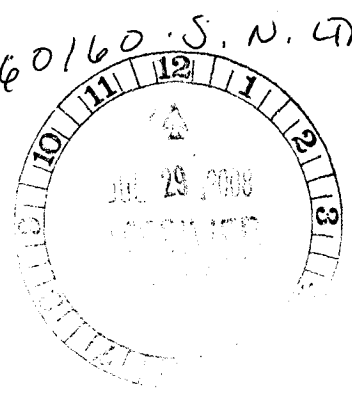


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July 22, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

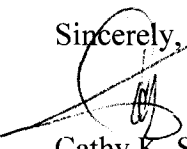
The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in our community. Our Chamber represents local businesses and professionals in Melrose Park and surrounding suburbs, and our membership ranges from one-person companies to those employing hundreds.

Melrose Park's nickname is "Corporate King of the Suburbs." Corporations like Alberto-Culver, Jewel-Osco, and Navistar call Melrose Park their home. What has made our community so successful is our central location in the metropolitan region, our close proximity to the major expressway system and O'Hare International airport, transit service by both Metra and Pace, and the railroad lines and UP intermodal yard that serve Melrose Park. The multi-modal transportation network that serves our community has helped us grow and prosper and has helped our companies thrive over the years.

Our members are growing concerned about the transportation congestion plaguing the Chicagoland region, as well as other metropolitan areas in the country. As a land locked community, like so many of our developed neighboring communities in Cook County, adding capacity to roads is not an option. As a nation we need to think more strategically on how we ship goods that keep costs down and get products to their destinations in a timely manner.

The CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E is one such solution that will help make the entire system function more efficiently. The Melrose Park Chamber is in support of this transaction and asks the Surface Transportation Board to come to a timely conclusion of this approval process so we can all get back to business in Illinois.

Sincerely,


Cathy K. Stenberg
Executive Director