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Mr. Kevin Keller
HDR Engineering, Inc.
4435 Main Street
Suite 1000
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Re: Finance Docket No. 35522
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Acquisition – Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co.

Dear Mr. Keller:

I am writing regarding the proposed CSXT acquisition of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. Blue Island has always been a railroad town and realizes the benefits of the rail industry. Unfortunately, the City and its residents have seen no real economic benefits to counter the negatives. The railroads in our town have 23 grade crossings and a speed limit of about 15 m.p.h. at the Broadway interlocking. Blue Island under the new federal law also has roughly 1200 train whistles a day. This new rule is creating a great hardship on our residents and the community.

I would like to see the CSXT work with the local municipality to reduce the number of train whistles blown in our community. We would also like to work with CSXT to help develop old industrial sites with existing rail spurs to become new intermodal hubs. Many of the local elected officials believe that the intermodal traffic generated by the railroads could become our new manufacturing industry in this region. I can better explain the opportunities in person if you feel the need. Please feel free to call me at City Hall, 708-396-7030 or on my cell 708-878-5425 to answer any of your questions.

Respectfully yours,


Donald E. Pelouquin
Mayor

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