

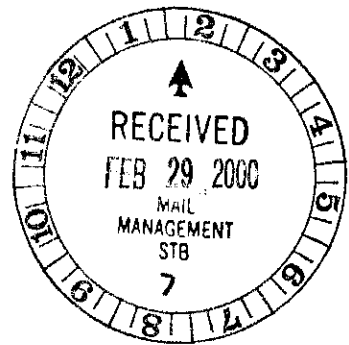
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Re: CN-BNSF Merger

Dear Sir:

Newstech Recycling Partnership is a 100% recycled pulp mill which consumes approximately 180,000 tons per year of recovered wastepaper. Newstech and its related company, Belkin Paper Stock Inc., move approximately 2000 railcars per year in Canada and the U.S.A.

We are in favor of the CN-BNSF merger because it will create a more effective and robust competitor to our current primary rail service provider. Shippers in North America are constantly frustrated with unconscionable switching charges and short haul charges (UP is the worst offender). Integrated movements by one carrier are, of course, much more cost effective for shippers. If this combination is approved our companies will be able to substantially increase the number of direct routings.

We at Newstech and Belkin Paper hope that the STB gives this combination its blessing.

Yours truly,

NEWSTECH RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP
By Its General Partner
NEWSTECH RECYCLING INC.

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