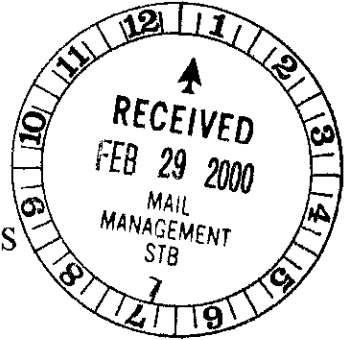


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STATEMENT OF JAMES D. STALEY
on behalf of
ROADWAY EXPRESS, INC.

My name is James D. Staley. I am the President and Chief Operating Officer of Roadway Express, Inc. I have responsibility for all daily operating activities at both Roadway Express and our Canadian subsidiary, Reimer Express Lines. Between the two companies we have 29,000 employees engaged in interstate and international commerce. In 1999, our company generated revenue of \$2,813,214,000.

Both Roadway Express and Reimer Express are significant customers of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Canadian National railroads respectively. In fact, Roadway Express paid Burlington Northern Santa Fe \$138,870,669 in 1999 for intermodal service to support our linehaul operations. They are a critical vendor to us, as is Canadian National to our Reimer Express subsidiary.

We think that there is long term benefit to rail mergers and consolidations when the outcome is more efficient service. It has been our experience that this has allowed rail carriers to streamline operations, improve utilization of assets, and reduce transit times. Our experience in the West with the resulting BNSF and UP network has been very positive in terms of competitive and improved service and price.

I understand that BNSF and CN are requesting authority to combine the two companies. Roadway Express strongly supports this combination, as a combined BNSF/CN will offer new opportunities for our company to access a network with broader reach than exists today. I expect that it would allow us to convert more of our truck traffic to a more efficient intermodal network.

Thank you for considering my support for this consolidation.

Sincerely,

UNITED STATES
Office of the Secretary

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