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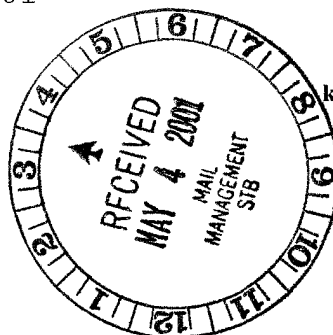
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
 Secretary
 Surface Transportation Board
 Case Control Unit
 1925 K Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: Finance Docket No. 34000, Canadian National
 Railway Company, et al. -- Control -- Wisconsin
Central Transportation Corporation, et al.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket please
 find an original and ten (10) copies of a Notice of Intent to
 Participate.

Please acknowledge receipt of the filing by stamping
 the enclosed duplicate of the Notice and returning to our
 messenger.

Sincerely,

Kelvin J. Dowd
 An Attorney for
 Eastern Coal Transportation
 Association

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Enclosures

cc: William C. Sippel, Esq. (w/enclosure)
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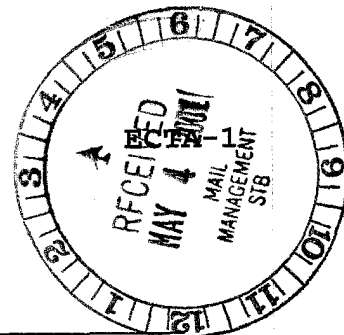
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY)
COMPANY, ET AL. -- CONTROL --)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION)
CORPORATION, ET AL.)

Finance Docket No. 34000

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
OF THE
EASTERN COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

The Eastern Coal Transportation Association ("ECTA") hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding, as its interests may appear.

ECTA is a voluntary association of producers and consumers of coal mined from sources East of the Mississippi River, and related service providers. ECTA is dedicated to promoting the interests of its Members in efficient, effective and competitive coal transportation service, and to the support of public policies directed toward these goals. A list of current ECTA Members is attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.

The acquisition of the Wisconsin Central System by Canadian National Railway and the resulting combination of their rail systems represents a major, regional restructuring

of the Upper Midwestern/Great Lakes rail network. In terms of acquisition dollars, affected freight volume, and potential impact on shippers and other carriers in the region, a prospective CN/WCL combination clearly is a "significant" transaction, and should be evaluated as such by the Board. The size of the involved carriers and the physical scope of their service territories confirms that the transaction "is of regional or national transportation significance." See 49 C.F.R. Part 1180.2(b).

ECTA Members produce and pay to transport large volumes of Pittsburgh Seam and Monongahela Region coal to the Great Lakes for transshipment. The prospective impact of a CN/WCL combination on the transportation system in this region is a matter of concern to ECTA, and warrants its participation as a full party to this proceeding. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 1180.4(a)(2), ECTA selects the acronym "ECTA" for use in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EASTERN COAL TRANSPORTATION
ASSOCIATION

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Dated: May 4, 2001

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EXHIBIT A

**MEMBERS OF THE
EASTERN COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

Arch Coal Sales, Inc., St. Louis, MO

Peabody COALSALES, St. Louis, MO

PEPCO, Washington, DC

FP&L, June Beach, FL

First Energy, Akron, OH

Carolina Power & Light, Raleigh, NC

Detroit Edison Company, Detroit, MI

American Electric Power, Columbus, OH

Consol Energy, Pittsburgh, PA

Duke Energy, Charlotte, NC

RAG Coal Sales of America, Inc., Englewood, CO

Southern Company Services, Inc., Birmingham, AL

Oglethorpe Power, Tucker, GA

MRC Rail Services, LLC, Des Moines, IA

Kennecott Energy, Englewood, CO

Joseph Transportation, Cincinnati, OH

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 4th of May, 2001, I caused copies of the foregoing notice to be served by telefax on the following:

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