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Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attention: Case Control Branch, STB Finance Docket No. 34000

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing are an original and 25 copies of the "Initial Comments of the Illinois Department of Transportation" (IDOT-1) with an accompanying Certificate of Service. The initial comments and this letter are a Notice of Intent to participate in Finance Docket No. 34000. Also enclosed is an electronic copy of this filing.

It is requested that the following be added to the service list:

Gary W. Williams
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Illinois Department of Transportation
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Sincerely,

Gary W. Williams
Chief, Bureau of Railroads

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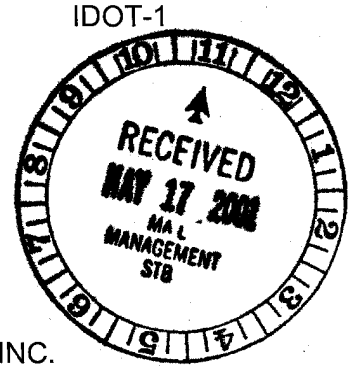
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Finance Docket No. 34000

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
GRAND TRUNK CORPORATION, AND WC MERGER SUB, INC.
-CONTROL AND MERGER-
WISCONSIN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION,
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD., FOX VALLEY & WESTERN LTD.,
SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY, AND
WISCONSIN CHICAGO LINK LTD.



INITIAL COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation, having received the above-referenced control application and Commission's notices, intends to participate formally in this proceeding, and become a party of record to the entire Canadian National Railway Company application to control the Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation.

The department has no other comments at this time. The determination of a position will depend upon a review of comments and evidence submitted by other parties in response to the application. The Department of Transportation will indicate its position and submit evidence by the particular due dates established for subsequent filings.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary W. Williams'.

Gary W. Williams
Chief, Bureau of Railroads

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 11th day of May 2001, I served the foregoing "Initial Comments on Behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation" by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon all parties as listed on the attached sheet.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Gary W. Williams
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