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June 22, 2001

Re: Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation and WC Merger Sub, Inc. - Control - Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation, Wisconsin Central Ltd., Fox Valley & Western Ltd., Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company, and Wisconsin Chicago Link, Finance Docket No. 34000
Our File 2452.64

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

Federal Express

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and twenty-five copies of Statement of Support on behalf of U.S. Clay Producers Traffic Association, Inc.

We enclose a 3.5 diskette with a copy of this pleading in Word Perfect 6/7/8 format. We hereby certify that service of this pleading has been accomplished as directed by the Board's Order of June 12, 2001. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

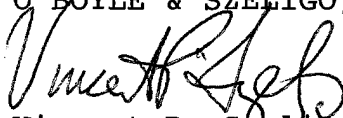
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Very truly yours,

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
on behalf of
U.S. CLAY PRODUCERS TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION, II

ORIGINAL

The U.S. Clay Producers Traffic Association, Inc. (Clay Producers) submits this statement in support of the treatment by the Board of the Application filed April 9, 2001, as one for approval of a "minor transaction" and in support of the approval of the application.

IDENTITY AND INTEREST OF CLAY PRODUCERS

U.S. Clay Producers Traffic Association, Inc. (Clay Producers) is a non-profit association of producers of clay engaged in producing and shipping clay in all modes of transportation from Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee origins to numerous industries throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the world. The Association was formed to provide information to members concerning transportation of clay, as a forum for discussion of developments and information concerning regulation by governing authority of clay transportation, and to represent the interests of its members in transportation matters before regulatory agencies, such as this Board.

The members of the Clay Producers, parties to these Comments, represent approximately 95% of the industry in terms of total clay shipments. The principal clay shippers represented in these Comments and their respective offices are:

Engelhard Corporation	Edison, NJ
H.C. Spinks Clay Co., Inc.	Paris, TN
IMERYS	Sandersville, GA
J. M. Huber Corporation	Edison, NJ
Oil-Dri Corporation of America	Ochlocknee, GA
Thiele Kaolin Company	Sandersville, GA
Unimin Corporation	New Canaan, CT
Wilkinson Kaolin Associates, Ltd.	Gordon, GA

Clay Producers utilize a fleet of over 6,500 tank cars and over 800 hopper cars to move approximately 11 million tons of clay annually from a relatively concise geographic area in Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee to customers located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the rest of the world. Clay Producers represent over 95% of the clay tonnage shipped. Clay Producers' clay traffic relies on railroad service. The Clay Producers have a vital interest in rail transportation of clay.

Clay Producers estimate that approximately 50% of their total kaolin clay slurry shipments are destined to points (mostly paper manufacturers) located on the lines of the Wisconsin Central. In the event any adverse changes were to arise as the result of the change in ownership and operation

of these lines, the business and employment impact on the production areas of Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee, where kaolin is the principal economic activity, would be severe. This fact demonstrates the serious concerns existing when Clay Producers filed their notice of intent to participate.

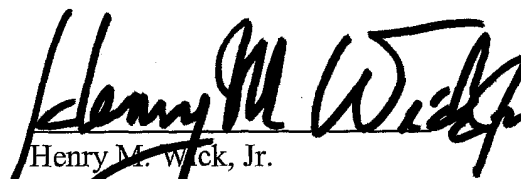
Since the announcement of the agreement between CN and WC, CN and the Clay Producers have engaged in discussions on matters important to Clay Producer's members. Clay Producers is pleased to advise the Board that, as a result of those discussions, and the agreement reached between CN and the National Industrial Transportation League (League), dated April 27, 2001, Clay Producers supports the Board's treatment of the application as seeking approval for a "minor" transaction and supports Board approval of the proposed transaction.

Clay Producers adopt the arguments made by the League in its pleading dated April 27, 2001, relating to treatment of the transaction as "minor" and the mitigating effect of the League/CN Agreement on any anti-competitive effects of the Transaction.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons Clay Producers request that the Board find that: (1) the application should be treated as one for approval of a "minor transaction"; and (2) that the application should be approved.

Respectfully submitted

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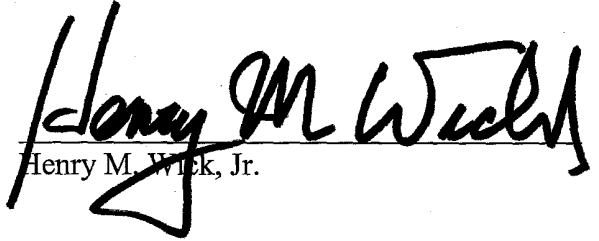
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Traffic Association, Inc.*

Dated: June 22, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22nd day of June, 2001, I have served a copy of the foregoing STATEMENT OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. CLAY PRODUCERS TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION, INC. on all parties of record, by first class mail, postage pre-paid, in accordance with the Rules of Practice and the requirements of the Board Order of June 12, 2001.


Henry M. Witek, Jr.