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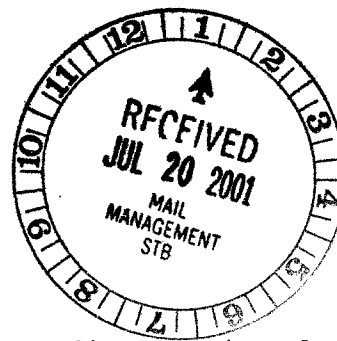
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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 above-referenced proceeding please find an original and twenty-five (25) copies of the Joint Request for Extension of Time to File Responsive Comments of AK Steel Corporation (**AKS-9**) and Eveleth Mines, LLC d/b/a EVTAC Mining (**EVT-3**). We are requesting expedited consideration of this Motion.

We have enclosed an electronic copy of this Motion on a computer diskette, and have enclosed an additional hard copy to be date-stamped and returned to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John H. LeSeur".

John H. LeSeur

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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. )

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AK Steel Corporation ("AK Steel") and Eveleth Mines, LLC d/b/a EVTAC Mining ("EVTAC") jointly request that an extension to file responsive comments in the above-referenced proceeding and in support hereof state as follows:

(1) The procedural schedule in this case called for "[a]ll ... requests for conditions" to be made by June 25, 2001. Responsive comments to such requested conditions are now due on July 25, 2001.

(2) On July 18, 2001 -- three weeks after the Board directed parties to file "all" requested conditions -- the Applicants and Great Lakes Transportation LLC ("Great Lakes") -- filed a request for a condition. Specifically, Great Lakes asked

the Board to impose, as a merger condition, a complex sixteen-page "Settlement Agreement."

(3) The Applicants and Great Lakes had previously informed the Board in comments filed on June 25, 2001 that they had reached a settlement<sup>1</sup> and represented to the Board the final agreement would be filed by July 5, 2001, a date they later recanted.

(4) The present schedule contemplated that the parties would have a month to prepare reply comments. Applicants and Great Lakes actions give AK and EVTAC less than a week to review and respond, as necessary, to the complex Settlement Agreement.<sup>2</sup> This truncated time period is not sufficient, particularly since key in-house personnel at AK will not be able to begin review of the Settlement Agreement until early next week.

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<sup>1</sup>In its June 25 Comments, Great Lakes provided a brief summary of some terms of the settlement agreement. However, many terms in the actual agreement were not discussed in the June 25 filings, and others appear to have been modified. Among other things, for example, the agreement modifies the earlier summary by restricting CN from "building-in" to certain specified origins in order to provide competitive rail service to captive shippers. See section II. A. 2 (restricting direct access to CN on movements "originating at points served by DMIR"). The agreement also contains new provisions authorizing the parties to "amplif[y]" the agreement in whatever manner the parties deem appropriate by entering into other connected confidential agreements to be shielded from review by the Board and parties to this proceeding (see section IV. H.), and it provides no remedies for non-parties to address any competitive harms caused by the agreement (see section IV. I.).

<sup>2</sup>The Settlement Agreement involves taconite transportation from the Minnesota Iron Range. AK and EVTAC are major Minnesota Iron Range taconite shippers and, as a consequence, have a direct and vital interest in the taconite transportation arrangements between the Applicants and Great Lakes.

(5) For these reasons, AK and EVTAC request that they each be granted an additional week (to August 1, 2001) to file responsive comments. Given the very short time remaining before the due date for responsive comments, expedited consideration of this Motion is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served this 20th day of July, 2001 by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by more expeditious means, upon all parties of record to this case.

  
Peter A. Pfohl