

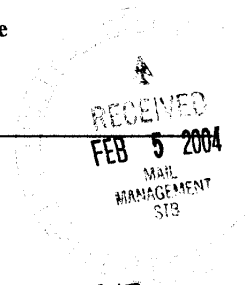


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket 34424, Canadian National Railway Company, et al. –
Control – Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, et al.

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Department of Justice previously provided notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. We did not submit comments on the proposed transaction, but we will review the comments submitted by other parties of record, and reserve our right to reply to those comments.

I hereby certify that the Department has served copies of this letter and all previous filings on all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Robert L. McGeorge

cc: All Parties of Record