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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company, et al. – Control – Duluth,
Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, et al. (STB Finance
Docket No. 34424)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On July 21, 2004, the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers-SEIU ("NCFO") filed in this proceeding a "Motion of NCFO For Order To Show Cause" ("Motion"), requesting an order directing Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") to show cause why it should not be sanctioned for certain statements made to the Board in this proceeding. Under 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a), CN's reply to the Motion would be due today.

CN, however, is presently in discussions with NCFO that may lead to a settlement that would resolve the issues raised in the Motion. Michael S. Wolly, counsel for NCFO, has indicated to counsel for CN that NCFO would not object to an extension of seven days while CN and NCFO continue discussions aimed at such a settlement.

Accordingly, CN respectfully requests that the time for replying to the Motion be extended for seven days, or until August 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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