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Mr. Roger Nober, Chairmam
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Re: Railroad Service on Canadian National line from
Saukville to Kiel, Wisconsin

Dear Chairman Nober:

I write to you as manager of Neuens's Fredonia Lumber Co., which is a **full service lumber** company serving Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington and Fond du Lac Counties. Wisconsin **We have 650 plus customers**

Currently, we rely upon rail service for delivery of **building materials to our Fredonia location**. **RATE IS approximately \$ 6800 PER CAR, TRUCK RATE IS \$12500 FROM CHICAGO RELOAD CENTER. A CAR IS APROX 4 TRUCKS. COST IS ALMOST DOUBLE BY TRUCK.** **We also spent \$250,000.00 and added 4 employees on fabrication equipment based on continued rail service.**

The economic impact of rail service to our business and growth plan is substantial.

For this reason, we urge action on the part of your department to either set up meetings locally to hear our story or otherwise facilitate continued and reliable service by action of your department.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Janik
owner

cc: Honorable James Doyle, Governor
Mary E. Panzer, State Senator
Daniel R. LeMahieu, State Representative
Steve Kestell, State Representative
Joe Leibham, State Senator
Wisconsin and Southern Railroad
Mr. William Goehring, Sheboygan County Chair
Mr. Brooks, Ozaukee County Chair
Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
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