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Re Finance Docket No. 35087, *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company*

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

This is to advise the Board that notwithstanding withdrawal of a petition for reconsideration by Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company, AUX SABLE LIQUID PRODUCTS, LP, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SERVICE, INC., and REICHHOLD, INC. continue to seek reclassification of the above proceeding from "minor" to "significant" for the reasons stated in prior filings at the Board in support of the IHB petition for reconsideration. It is anomalous and entirely unjustified that a proceeding that has generated every bit as much public participation as a "major" transaction involving consolidation of two Class I rail carriers is classified as "minor."

If the Board refuses to reclassify the transaction from "minor" to "significant", the Board at a minimum should extend the January 28 filing date for opposition evidence and argument and for requests for conditions to a date no less than 15 days after the current deadline. That 15-day extension is justified and required because there is a period no less than 15 days during the Christmas-New Year Holiday Season in which it is virtually impossible to conduct ordinary business because of vacations or other commitments. The current filing schedule is inadequate and unjustified because it does not take that factor into account.

Very truly yours,

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