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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Ry. & Grand Trunk Corp.
Control-EJ&E West Co.

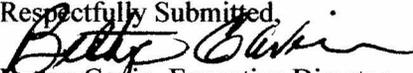
Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to you today in response to what I understand are requests by elected officials to you, to extend your oversight of CN and its purchase of the EJ&E Railroad in north east Illinois.

I am the Executive Director of Forest Park Community Center, which is a social service's agency established in the Joliet, Illinois Forest Park neighborhood, which is among the most economically challenged parts of the metropolitan area. We work hard to provide a wide range of social services to our clients that the City of Joliet cannot. CN's operations in Joliet border our neighborhood.

At the time of your approval of the transaction, CN was already engaging us, in an effort to dedicate some of their corporate funds to the Center. From early on, it was obvious that they cared about being a good business neighbor, and their support allows us to expand our range of services to the entire community. To this day I can pick up the phone and get a hold of CN, should there be any reason to do so. I am thankful that there has not been any sort of reason to do so, except for invitations to events either they or we were sponsoring.

I take very seriously the challenges of providing the best possible services to our clients. With CN's unwavering and ongoing support, we are able to offer services that we could not have hoped for without their direct involvement. We consider CN to be very good corporate neighbors, and respectfully ask you to allow your already lengthy oversight period to reach its end without extending it any further. They have proven their professionalism and attention to detail, and we believe it is time for you to allow them to conduct their business in a normal business environment, under normal business conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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