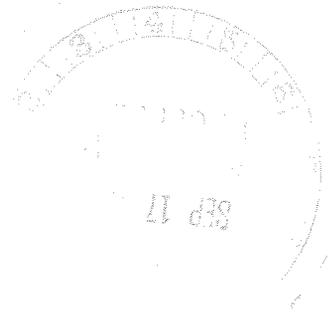




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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, Dc 20423

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Gary Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to you about the CN acquisition of the EJ&E railroad and to request that the six-year oversight of the acquisition be allowed to expire as scheduled in January 2015.

The Gary Chamber of Commerce has worked with CN since before the EJ&E acquisition. In the six years since, the Chamber has watched CN invest in our community and bring much-needed jobs to Gary. CN's \$141 million expansion of Kirk Yard is more than just a railroad project; it signals the company's long-term commitment to our community.

As they said they would, CN has also worked diligently with the city of Gary, the Gary Chicago Airport Authority and several other parties to move toward relocation of the former EJ&E mainline track near the airport. That complex track relocation will allow the Gary Chicago Airport to complete its runway expansion project. The runway expansion is a vital economic development project in the city of Gary and CN has been involved in it since the purchase in 2009.

Since acquiring the EJ&E and coming to Gary, CN's investments have gone beyond railroad infrastructure as the company for years has supported community events and organizations. I and the Gary Chamber of Commerce are thankful for CN's contributions.

Three of the country's largest railroads, including CN, run through Gary. I am grateful that CN has invested so much in Gary and made our community the heart of its U.S. operations. Oversight of this successful acquisition has lasted six years and should be allowed to end as CN has lived up to its commitments to Gary and Northwest Indiana.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Hughes
Gary Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director

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