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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Finance Docket No. 35087 (Sub-No. 8)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY AND GRAND TRUNK
CORPORATION – CONTROL – E J & E WEST COMPANY

REPLY TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Barrington Township was organized in 1850 and is one of 30 townships in Cook County, Illinois. The Township covers an area of 36.02 square miles, and within its borders are all or part of Barrington, Barrington Hills, East Dundee, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, and South Barrington. These communities surround Barrington, so as the Supervisor of the Township, I am submitting this petition in support of Barrington's June 4, 2015 Reconsideration Petition to the Board seeking a grade separation at U.S. Highway 14 and the EJ&E rail line owned by Canadian National Railway.

I have served as Supervisor of the Township since the time CN applied to the Board to purchase the EJ&E. The Township was on record as adamantly opposed to this deal, as a fourfold increase in freight traffic was certain to have a significant impact on traffic flow through the region and the overall quality of life in my Township. Unfortunately, our worst fears have now been realized since the time the Board approved CN's purchase because the Board underestimated the delays caused by CN trains, and as a result, failed to address the need for a grade separation at one or more of the EJ&E crossings in the Village. Because two of the roadway crossings in the Village of Barrington are Strategic Regional Arterials, the Board's failure to properly mitigate the ensuing gridlock caused by freight trains should now be addressed as Barrington has requested. There are no roadway signs or freight tracking devices

that can address the problems created by CN's operation on the J. The region needs a grade separation, and so I petition the Surface Transportation Board to act decisively and live up to the oversight commitment it made to the people of the Township by ordering that a grade separation be constructed at U.S. Highway 14 and the rail line with a significant portion of the costs covered by Canadian National.

Respectfully,

/s/ Eugene R. "Gene" Dawson

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Certificate of Service

I, Suzanne M. Devane, do hereby certify that on June 18, 2015, I served a true copy of the foregoing Barrington Township, IL Reply to Petition for Reconsideration on all parties of record by email. I also served a copy by email on counsel for Canadian National Railway Company, Paul A. Cunningham and David A. Hirsh.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne M. Devane".

Suzanne Devane
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