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RICHARD HARNISH
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Before the Surface Transportation Board

Finance Docket No. 35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation
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EJ&F West Company

Midwest High Speed Rail Association's
Notice of Intent to Participate

Midwest High Speed Rail Association (MHSRA) hereby provides its notice of intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. MHSRA requests that the following person be included in the Board's official service list for this proceeding:

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MHSRA has strong concerns with respect to Canadian National Railway Company's (CN) recently filed application to acquire the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E).

As proposed, the transaction would

- Effectively eliminate a CN rail line critical to the operation of six daily Amtrak trains
- Increase traffic at six crossings with Metra routes, potentially increasing delays
- Make a new circumferential commuter rail route more difficult to implement

Growing fuel costs, combined with concerns about global warming, make it critical that the nation expand passenger train service. MHSRA is concerned that this transaction will result in reduced service levels and result in the possible abandonment of the City of New Orleans route. Therefore, we intend to participate in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Harnish'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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