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Re Finance Docket No 35081
*Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et al – Control – Dakota, Minnesota &
Eastern Railroad Corp., et al*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

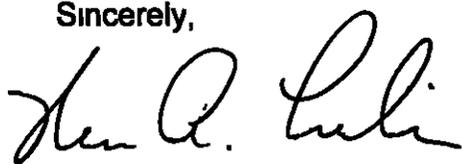
I am writing on behalf of Boise Cascade LLC in connection with the above-referenced proceeding Boise Cascade ships engineered wood products, particleboard, lumber and plywood and is a regular user of railroad transportation for the movement of these products Of particular note here is our use of the services of The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") for transportation from points on KCSR's system to Chicago via Kansas City, which service is provided in cooperation with the Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation ("IC&E") We are prompted to write to express our concern about the possible loss of cooperative KCSR-IC&E service to Chicago via Kansas City, and to urge the Board to take appropriate action to ensure that this important competitive rail service option remains viable and available to shippers

As KCSR's comments in the above proceeding indicate, KCSR and IC&E are partners in providing rail transportation between points south of Kansas City to/from Chicago, particularly for NAFTA traffic to/from Laredo and Chicago Boise Cascade makes use of such KCSR/ICE service KCSR provides the rail service south of Kansas City, while IC&E participates in the service from Kansas City to Chicago Boise Cascade regards KCSR-Kansas City-IC&E service to Chicago as an important competitive alternative to Union Pacific Railroad Company's ("UP") service in the same markets As KCSR has pointed out, if Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("CP") is permitted to acquire unconditioned control of IC&E, CP may no longer have an incentive to work with KCSR for Chicago traffic because such service would compete with the same service currently provided by UP and CP, especially for NAFTA traffic via the Chicago gateway Clearly, such a turn of events would reduce our service options, and undercuts competition in the overall NAFTA corridor

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Boise Cascade urges the Board to preserve KCSR's ability to compete against UP/CP routings to/from Chicago. In the event that CP is permitted to acquire control of IC&E, we urge the Board to condition its approval of the proposed transaction upon the Chicago access relief that KCSR has sought in its comments. Such a condition is important to ensure that shippers, such as Boise Cascade, continue to enjoy a KCSR/IC&E routing to Chicago. If no such a condition is imposed, Boise Cascade will have lost a viable competitive alternative for rail transportation to/from the Chicago gateway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Lovlien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "L".

Tom Lovlien
President
Boise Cascade Wood Products

cc [KCSR Rep]