



**VERIFIED STATEMENT  
OF  
RIC CHAVEZ  
On behalf of  
Louisiana Pacific Corporation**

My name is Ric Chavez. I am Director-Corporate Logistics for Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, with offices at 414 Union Street, Suite 2000, Nashville, Tennessee, 37219 ("LP") and am duly authorized to make this statement on LP's behalf. LP wishes to express its support for Canadian National Railway's ("CN") proposed acquisition of EJ&E West Company.

LP is a leading manufacturer of premium building products in North America and is the world's leading manufacturer of oriented strand board (OSB). LP currently operates 29 mills in the United States, Canada and Chile. CN currently serves 10 of these mills located at: Two Harbors, MN; Hayward, WI; Tomahawk, WI; Newberry, MI; Chambord, PQ; Larouche, PQ; St Prime, PQ; Minitonas, MB; Dawson Creek, BC; and Fort St John, BC. Our East River, Nova Scotia also utilizes CN's intermodal and carload transload facility at Halifax, Nova Scotia. LP's mills shipped approximately 13,000 rail cars via CN in 2006 including over 3,000 shipped to CN local points. Much of our traffic runs through the Chicago area.

LP understands that the CN is applying for authority to acquire and operate the EJ&E West Company, which will hold most of the rail lines of the current Elgin Joliet & Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E"). With the understanding that all existing gateway and trackage rights agreements that all other carriers currently enjoy are maintained, we support this application. We believe the combined company will offer improved speed and reliability for our product movements through the Chicago area and potentially add new single-line service opportunities to points on the current EJ&E lines. We also expect that the addition of EJ&E's belt line to the CN network will improve movement fluidity, particularly of run through beyond movements, and help relieve congestion in the Chicago interchange bottleneck area. Available tradeoff capacity on the IHB and the Belt Railway should result.

We support this proposed acquisition with the understanding that the Surface Transportation Board's acquisition review will provide adequate oversight guidance to ensure a timely and smooth integration of this proposed acquisition.

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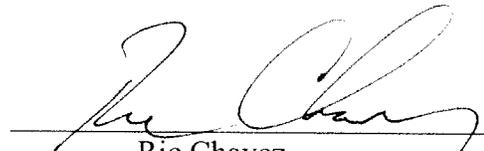
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I, Ric Chavez declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

Executed on October 29, 2007.



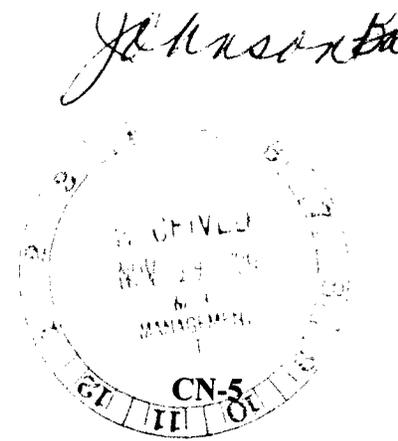
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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –  
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the signed originals, and 10 copies, of nine additional statements in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007). These include statements by the following:

- A&R Transport, Inc.
- Behr Iron & Steel, Inc.
- Consolidated Grain and Barge
- Hapag-Lloyd (America) Inc.
- Louisiana Pacific Corporation
- Major-Prime Plastics, Inc.
- Ozinga Bros., Inc.
- Parkdale International Ltd.
- Verso Paper

These supplement the sixteen statements of support filed with the application.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Cunningham

Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company  
and Grand Trunk Corporation

Enclosures  
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