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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a letter by Karl B. Browning, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Ahearn,
Chief Legal Counsel Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: All parties of record



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**RE: Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept this letter as a notice that I intend to participate in the above referenced proceeding as a Party of Record. I request to be added to the service list, and receive copies of all motions, pleadings, correspondence and other filings made in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

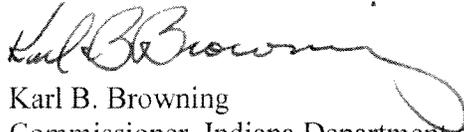
Additionally, I take this opportunity to comment on the Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's request that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) treat this transaction as "minor" under the STB's rules 49 C.F.R. Section 1180.2. I believe that the STB should treat this case as a "significant" transaction rather than a "minor" transaction. This purchase will likely result in significant rail traffic increases in Indiana, particularly between the Kirk Yard and Griffith, which will result in transportation congestion near crossings, construction and safety issues, as well as impact the environment and economic development. A "significant" transaction determination would give those affected in Indiana, as well as the Indiana Department of Transportation, the opportunity to assess the impacts of the proposed purchase and comment accordingly.

I thank you for your consideration of this regionally important railroad purchase, and I look forward to working with all parties to ensure that this purchase considers all impacts on Indiana and all affected communities.

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By my signature below, I certify that I have caused this Notice of Intent to Participate to be served on the parties of record in this proceeding, as reflected in the attached document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karl B. Browning". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Karl B. Browning
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation

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I herby certify that the foregoing Notice of Intent to Participate is being served by United States mail, on the following:

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Affirmation In Lieu of an Oath

I, Karl B. Browning, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading.
Executed on November 28, 2007.



Karl B. Browning,
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation