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

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.4(j) and 1105.10(d), Canadian National Railway Company (“CN”) hereby requests that the Section of Environmental Analysis (“SEA”) retain HDR Engineering, Inc. (“HDR”) as a third-party consultant to work under the supervision of the SEA in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (“NEPA”) and implementing regulations of the Surface Transportation Board (“STB” or “Board”) in connection with the above-captioned proceeding, including related proceedings and sub-dockets. HDR, which is included in SEA’s list of approved environmental consultants, will shortly provide SEA with a signed Disclosure Statement certifying that neither it nor its agents have any financial or other interest relating to the outcome in the above-captioned matter (including any related proceedings).

If SEA selects HDR for this assignment, then CN will work with SEA to prepare a memorandum of understanding to be executed by CN, SEA (on behalf of the STB), and HDR defining the respective roles of the parties in environmental review under NEPA in connection with this and related proceedings.

Very truly yours,



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cc: John Morton (HDR)
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