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ACTING SECRETARY
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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DEAR HONORABLE ANNE K. QUINLAN

I, RONALD OWCZARZAK, VICE PRESIDENT PRODUCTION AND SALES AT RAW MATERIALS INC/CHICAGO HEIGHTS STEEL LOCATED AT 211 E. MAIN STREET, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED RECENT PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD (STB) TO REACH A FINAL DECISION ON THE MERITS OF CN'S PROPOSED TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO PENDING COMPLETION OF THE STB'S ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

GIVEN THE RISK TO THE TRANSACTION THAT NOW EXISTS AS A RESULT OF THE STB'S LENGTHY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS, WE APPLAUD CN'S RECENT PETITION AS OFFERING A SOLUTION THAT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST WHILE PRESERVING THE STB'S RIGHT TO IMPOSE ANY LAWFUL ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION.

THERE IS NO NEED AND NO SOUND REASON FOR THE STB TO RISK THE LOSS OF THE BENEFITS EXPECTED FROM THE CN'S PROPOSED TRANSACTION BASED ON THE STB'S FAILURE TO MAKE A TIMELY DECISION ON THE MERITS OF THAT TRANSACTION.

I BELIEVE THAT A REJECTION OF CN'S PROPOSAL WOULD NOT ONLY BE UNWARRANTED BUT CONTINUE TO DELAY MOVEMENTS OF FREIGHT IN AN ENVIRONMENTLY FRIENDLY MANNER AROUND THE CHICAGOLAND REGION.

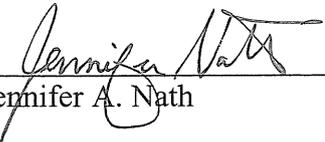
THE STB MUST RECOGNIZE THE MERITS OF THIS PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND EXPEDITE A POSITIVE DECISION IN FAVOR OF THIS REQUEST.

RONALD OWCZARZAK
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CC. ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 3rd day of September, 2008, served the foregoing letter of Ronald Owczarak, Vice President, Raw Materials, Inc./Chicago Heights Steel, upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by causing a copy to be sent to each by first-class mail or a more expeditious method.


Jennifer A. Nath