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Surface Transportation Board
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re: Canadian National Railway Acquisition of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway
STB Finance Docket 35087
Compliance Report Verification
Time Extension Request for CN Compliance Report Verification Final Report

Mr. Wallen:

HDR Engineering is conducting an independent audit of CN's November and December 2009 monthly operations reports, as described in the January 7, 2010 Scope of Services. To date Tasks 1, 5, and 6 have been completed and the reports posted to the oversight website. Under the Scope of Services all tasks are to be completed by the end of March 2010.

HDR respectfully requests a two week time extension to April 14, 2010 for our final report. We request the two week extension in order to explore various potential sources of the pre-transaction data. We believe that it is important to determine if pre-transaction grade crossing delay data from November and December 2008 is reasonably available. If available the data would help define conditions that existed prior to the transaction and would help place the data from November and December 2009 in perspective. We have contacted the Illinois Commerce Commission, but they do not have copies of the records we are seeking. We have requested that CN make inquiries to determine if the data from November and December 2008 is available.

Sincerely,

John Morton
Senior Vice President, Project Manager