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Re: Docket No. FD 36744, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket are letters from D & I Railroad Co., NEW Cooperative, Inc., and Viterra in support of the Application for Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation to acquire control of Iowa Northern Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matthew J. Warren

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Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 1st day of March, 2024, a copy of the foregoing filing was served by email or first-class mail on the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the U.S. Attorney General c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, and all parties of record on the service list for Docket No. FD 36744.

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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway Company*, Docket No. FD 36744

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to support the combination of Iowa Northern Railway Company and Canadian National Railway Company (CN). I am General Manager of D & I Railroad Co (D & I), a Class III carrier operating approximately 138 miles in both Northwest Iowa and Southeast South Dakota. D & I interchanges with CN in Sioux City, Iowa and works well with CN today. I believe that this combination will have a positive impact on Iowa's railway network and freight customers for years to come.

I enthusiastically support the proposed combination because it has the potential to produce new opportunities and important synergies within Iowa's transportation industry that come when a national rail carrier emphasizes local operations and service to customers.

The D & I transports a variety of products including ethanol, dried distiller grains (DDGs), rock, and other industrial and agriculture related products. The transaction's emphasis on promoting resilience in critical supply chains such as food products and biofuels means more opportunities for D & I customers to reach new markets across the rail network and better access to existing markets here in Iowa.

I am confident that this combination will be a growth engine for Iowa's communities, economy, and transportation industry. I am proud to support this combination and encourage the Surface Transportation Board to do the same by approving it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Van Den Top

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February 27, 2024
Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Re: *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway Company*, Docket No. FD 36744

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to support the acquisition of the Iowa Northern Railway Company by CN. As a long-time customer of CN and CEO of NEW Cooperative, Inc., I believe that this transaction will have a positive impact on NEW Cooperative for years to come.

As a customer, it is important to understand how this transaction could impact our operations and supply chains. I look forward to the extended current single-line reach of the CN-IANR combination. I appreciate CN's focus on reliable service, which is consistent with Iowa Northern's approach. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to continue rail service to our facility at Garner, IA. And our business will benefit from the more efficient single-line service available and connecting points on Iowa Northern to greater access to CN's broad network and service offerings without losing Iowa Northern's access to other rail carriers.

In closing, I encourage the Surface Transportation Board to approve this combination for the benefit of companies like mine and those we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Dix".

Dan Dix, Chief Executive Officer
NEW Cooperative, Inc.

February 27, 2024

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Re: *Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Iowa Northern Railway Company, Docket No. FD 36744*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to express my support of the acquisition of the Iowa Northern Railway Company by CN. Viterra is a long-time customer of CN, and I believe that this transaction will have a positive impact on our business for years to come.

As a customer, it's important for us to understand how this transaction would impact Viterra. We are one of Canada's largest grain handlers and marketers, and ship several types of grains, oilseeds, and pulses through CN annually. In particular, CN's acquisition of Iowa Northern would create additional opportunities for our company in milling grains, ethanol by-products, oats, and corn.

I look forward to the extended single-line reach that will result from the CN-IANR combination, and the access to new market opportunities that it will create. I have appreciated CN's focus on reliable service, which is consistent with Iowa Northern's approach. Further, our business will benefit from the more efficient and competitive single-line service available by connecting Iowa Northern with CN's broad network and service offerings without losing Iowa Northern's access to other rail carriers. Finally, we anticipate more efficient transits through direct service as opposed to hand offs to servicing carrier.

Expanded single-line rail service has a significant impact on the success of our supply chains and ultimately the success of our industry. At Viterra, we rely substantially on our supply chain partners, including rail carriers, and I look forward to partnering with and utilizing CN's expanded rail service moving forward. I appreciate the certainty that CN's investment will bring to ensure that Iowa Northern can continue offering safe and reliable local service to customers.

In closing, I encourage the Surface Transportation Board to approve this combination for the benefit of companies like Viterra and those we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kyle Jeworski
CEO, Viterra Canada

