Surface Transportation Board
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Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance

November 17, 2011

Ms. Karen Phillips
Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs
CN
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Washington, DC 20004

Re: Canadian National Railway Company – Control – EJ&E West Company, STB FD 35087

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The purpose of this letter is to request information from CN about the derailment that occurred near Bartlett at Spaulding, Ill. on November 3, 2011. This request is made pursuant to Decision No. 16, slip op. at 25-26 (describing oversight and monitoring process).

We received your letter of November 9, 2011 indicating CN's position that, in light of the Federal Railroad Administration's investigation of the derailment, Board action is unnecessary and would be duplicative. We are in contact with FRA about the derailment, and understand that CN is working with FRA on its investigation. Nonetheless, as part of the Board's continued oversight of the acquisition and current CN operations, we expect that CN will report details of this accident to the Board in the course of its monthly operational reports made pursuant to Decision No. 16. Specifically, the Board requests that you provide us with the following information by December 2, 2011:

- A description of the derailment, including detailed information about where and when it occurred; weather conditions at the time; which train was involved and whether this train was pre- or post-merger traffic; the damage that occurred as a result of the derailment; whether and how any hazardous materials were affected; the type of track on which the derailment occurred, including other carriers' use, maintenance, or dispatching of it; and the extent to which CN's and other carriers' operations were impacted.

- A description of all CN investigations done of the derailment, as well as causes of the derailment identified through these investigations, or other causes known to CN indentified by other sources, and any remediation. Please also describe the current status of the derailment site, and the timeframe for restoration of routine operations if they have not already been restored.

- With the understanding that this process may evolve over time, a description of any changes to CN's or other carriers' operations or infrastructure planned as a result of the derailment.

- Whether and how you have complied with any and all relevant mitigation conditions on the track at issue.

- A description of the efforts CN has undertaken to inform the public about the derailment, and any other information CN believes would add to the Board's understanding of the accident.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 245-0238.

Sincerely,

Lucille L. Marvin

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Director