

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
(Revised July 3, 2013)

As discussed in the "Narrative Statement" accompanying this application, GTC Spectrum Corporation ("GTCS"), the wholly owned U.S subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company ("CN"), is actively involved in the development and testing of hardware and software associated with Positive Train Control ("PTC") systems. PTC is a communications-based traffic control system mandated by the U.S. Congress for all of the largest U.S. railroads, including CN, pursuant to the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, 49 U.S.C. § 20157, and implementing regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 49 C.F.R. § 236.1001 *et seq.* PTC is designed to prevent train-to-train collisions, over-speed derailments, incursions into established work zones, and unintended movements of trains through switches. Such events jeopardize the safety of not only railroad personnel, but also passengers and the public. PTC will be required on lines over which intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation is regularly provided and on lines over which hazardous materials such as chlorine used for drinking water may be transported.

More importantly, Congress has mandated that PTC be implemented by December 31, 2015. The FRA is overseeing and monitoring each railroad's implementation progress. PTC technology is a highly complex and untried system, which requires (i) the development of new communications equipment and software, (ii) acceptability and functionality testing through pilot programs, (iii) interoperability testing among all of the railroads' PTC systems, and (iv) FRA certification. Thus, the deadline for its required completion is demanding and one that cannot be met if implementation is unduly delayed.

Like the other railroads, CN is subject to a tight implementation schedule due to weather considerations and the need to reserve free track-time without interfering with the activity of an operating railroad. Accordingly, GTCS seeks to commence the necessary extensive preparatory work associated with this proposal as soon as August 1, 2013. It therefore respectfully requests expedited action on this application.

GTCS submits that expedited processing of its application would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, as it would allow the company to enhance its ability to implement PTC technology for the safety and public benefit of railroad personnel and users. Such action would enhance the company's ability to obtain information needed to ensure that the PTC system it ultimately constructs will meet Congressional objectives.