

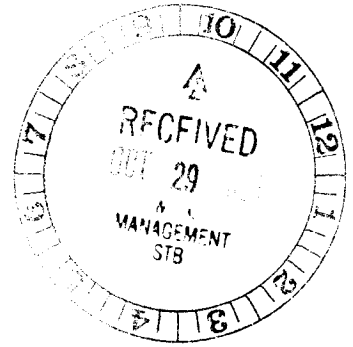
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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Canadian National Railway Company -
EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Quinlan;

We urge the STB to approve the CN acquisition of the EJ&E because the new construction work will add jobs to the area and the acquisition will help promote economic growth across the region.

Chicago's rail congestion can force freight trains to take more than 24 hours to travel a 30 mile area (from Howard St. on the north to 127th St. on the south of Chicago).

The EJ&E is part of the solution to the region's rail congestion. By linking EJ&E lines with CN's lines, companies transporting their goods will benefit from faster transit times, more reliable service and general increased flow of rail traffic in the region will improve.

Sincerely,

John Dziak

Project Manager

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