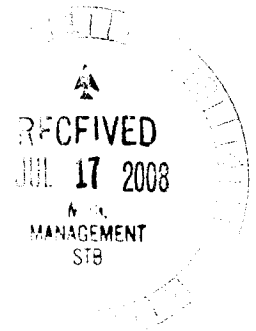


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Rail congestion throughout the Chicago area is a problem that can no longer be ignored. For this reason, I would like to express my unwavering support of CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E line in order to combat this growing problem. I have been held up at railway crossings many times due to trains, often times between 20 and 30 minutes. This is true of the South Park Avenue and 159th Street crossings, both of which are major thoroughfares in the area. Even on the weekends, you cannot escape the heavy traffic caused by rail congestion.

In addition to the delays, the railway congestion also contributes to pollution in Chicago's air. With the current level of congestion, trains spend much of their time in the area idling as the tracks are not open for them to proceed through. When they are idling, they continue to burn fuel and emit contaminants into our air. If the freight trains were able to run on less congested railways, as in CN's plan, the amount of time they spend idling will be dramatically reduced. Additionally, the idling causes a decrease in their productivity as both time and fuel is wasted. This can translate into a higher cost of goods passed onto the consumer.

CN has a solid plan to fight the problems caused by the railway congestion. For this reason, I urge you to put your firm support behind their plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Banash". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Nancy Banash