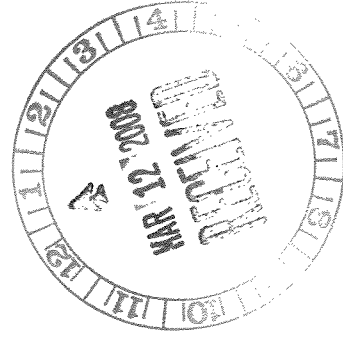


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Administration

February 25, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I write to urge you to support Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. This proposal, and the subsequent reduction in rail congestion, will benefit River Forest and the entire metro area significantly

River Forest has long struggled to find a balance between the economic opportunities of being part of one of America's largest transportation hubs, and the public welfare challenges this system inherently contains. Like our sister suburbs, we rely on the entire metro area in many ways, and we feel that rerouting trains away from the congestion of the city will have a positive effect on communities across the region.

We feel this acquisition would be a boost for the local economy. Just as O'Hare is an economic engine for the region, our freight transportation network is also integral to growth and industry.

As River Forest will see reduced freight traffic, we know that our community may view this change differently than some others. However, we believe that this acquisition is an important one for metropolitan Chicago, and urge you to support CN's proposal.

Sincerely,


Frank M. Paris
Village President

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