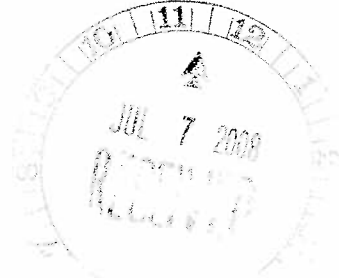


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have recently been made aware of CN's move toward purchasing a portion of the EJ&E line, with the goal of re-routing freight traffic away from Bloomington. I personally relate to this issue, as I frequently have to wait at train crossings, something I find to be very bothersome. The pollution from the trains also affects everyone else in the area. CN's plan will reduce congestion, and is a strong step in the direction of solving the problem. I am writing to you in support of CN's proposal.

Reducing the railway congestion in the Chicago region is vital. The freight traffic coming through here often blocks crossings, causing unneeded traffic congestion. With gas prices so high, reducing the train congestion will help everyone to save a little money. It will also keep this area's economic growth at a stable level.

As you can see, there are many benefits to CN's move toward acquiring EJ&E. I believe that this transaction is just what our community needs, and I urge you to approve it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Harris

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Peter Roskam