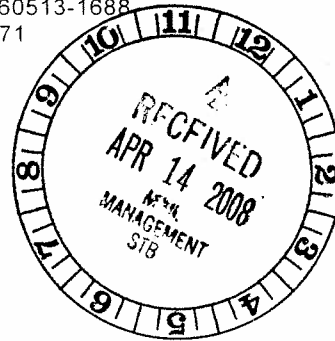




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**Re: STB Finance Docket N. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company
and Grand trunk Corporation – control – EJ&E West Company**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

I am writing to notify you of the Village of Brookfield's support of the CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E. As you know, the Chicago region is very congested with rail freight traffic. Freight traffic projections over the next twenty years are due to rise at an alarming rate. It is our responsibility to reduce increased volumes of freight traffic on the same rail lines that already clog our transportation system within our communities. Brookfield is home to two rail lines, the CN and BNSF. Both bring high volumes of freight traffic on a daily basis which impacts our residents and those using our roadways.

The EJ&E is an underutilized freight line in our region. Using this rail line can provide relief to Brookfield as well as the other communities in western Cook County. If freight traffic is freed up on our rail lines, Brookfield can received new and increased METRA service for our Village. I hope the Surface Transportation Board will take into account the regional benefits and the benefits to communities within the inner ring as part of their decision making process. The CN purchase of the EJ&E has the ability to address some of the needed improvements in the infrastructure to those communities where this line has been underutilized and neglected.

Thank you for allowing the Village of Brookfield to submit our comments for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF BROOKFIELD

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