

Another comment, but this one in support

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Rail Customer and
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Issue Type: * |-----|
| ☒ New US Railroad Issue |
☐ Feedback

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Region: * |-----| Commodity: N/A
	] Midwest
	] Northeast
	] South
| |] West |
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Issues |-----| Railroads Involved:
: | [X] Rail Service | STB Finance Docket No. 35087
| [] Rate | Location of Problem:
| Level/Increases | Chicago Land
| [] Car Supply | Name of Industry at Location:
| [] Demurrage |
| Charges | Serving Rail Carrier at Location:
| [] Fuel Surcharge | Chicago Land
| [] Information | Dates Problem Occurred:
| Request |
[] Other

Comments:

I'm submitting my comments in regards to STB Finance Docket No. 35087. As a resident of Elmwood Park, IL I fully support the planned Canadian National's purchase of the EJ&J. I believe that in order to truly measure the Impact of this purchase. A total evaluation of the region should be considered. Yes a few communities may experience a traffic increase but that would be a relatively small increase compared to the benefits to the entire Chicago Land area. When broken down the major objections from other communities are thinly disguised arguments that support a "not in my back yard" stance

Unfortunately, those arguments are also the hallmarks a regional elitism. An underlying theme is that the

residents of more affluent communities should not have to be unconvinced by the trade and commerce of Chicago Land by the addition of rail traffic in their high-end communities. Let the less affluent communities continue to bare those burdens. Even if it means an entire economic region will not benefit from this purchase. Please take the time to examine the member communities for and against on their economic and population data. I believe you will find that the few that oppose this purchase are members of more affluent and smaller communities. This is an opportunity to support the greater good at the risk of alienating and in convincing some wealthier and privileged constituents

Thank
you,
Marcello Gulotta

Permission given to contact the rail carrier(s)?

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| (*) Yes |
() No