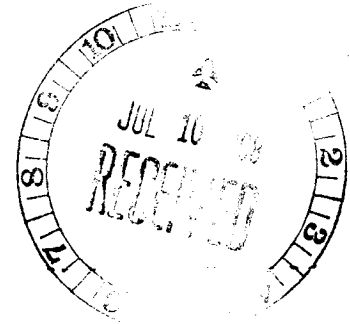


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Heavy train congestion in Chicago creates problems on many fronts, including in the areas of traffic, the economy and the environment. A major change is needed in order to limit the extent of these difficulties. CN Railway has come up with an approach that, if implemented, would do just that. Their intent to re-route a number of freight trains to the EJ&E line outside of the city would provide welcome relief for residents. Fortunately, the only thing that you have to do to make this happen is approve CN's acquisition of the EJ&E line.

I have had extensive personal experience with the traffic problems here. Up until 10 years ago, I drove piggyback trailers for Grane Trucking. In this role, I noticed how frequently I was forced to stop and wait at railroad crossings throughout Chicago. I know this problem continues, as these days I do my best to avoid driving in areas where there are such crossings. Obviously, I can only be so successful doing this and, for other drivers who work, they often have to travel certain routes to get to their places of employment on time. CN's contribution, therefore, is very welcome.

CN's design would do more than simply ease traffic, as important as that goal is. It would also reduce the amount of gas that consumers have to use while waiting at these stops. Such expenditures currently take a significant bite out of the pocketbooks of consumers. Furthermore, a smaller amount of idling cars and trains would diminish the amount of pollutants that get emitted into our air, a result that would help all residents, regardless of their traveling habits. For all of these reasons, I urge you to approve CN's proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Froehlich'.

Daniel Froehlich

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama