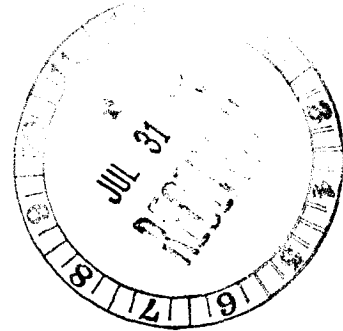


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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

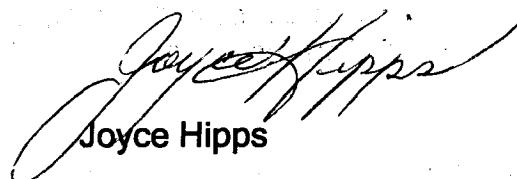
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Freight train congestion is a reality that causes problems for Dolton residents. CN Railway is intending to relieve many heavily populated communities from train congestion by diverting train routes to the EJ&E line. Because of its good intentions, I support CN's proposal to acquire part of EJ&E Railway. This purchase is a necessary in helping relieve congestion in our communities.

Idling trains are an issue for the people of this community and for me on a great personal level. It is very unsettling how many trains idle and emit pollution for long periods of time, because I am someone who has health problems related to pollution. I would like to see the train congestion of my community reduced so that I can breathe a little easier. For the people who don't have my health issues; I often notice lines of cars often wait 5 to 10 minutes at blocked crossings. I cannot imagine the number of missed appointments that this leads to. Furthermore, the noise that these trains continually make is very annoying to everyone in this community.

CN's plan will help alleviate the aforementioned issues. By sending a number of freight trains to less crowded areas, CN would be performing a great service. Please allow it the opportunity to do this by approving of the EJ&E line purchase.

Sincerely,


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