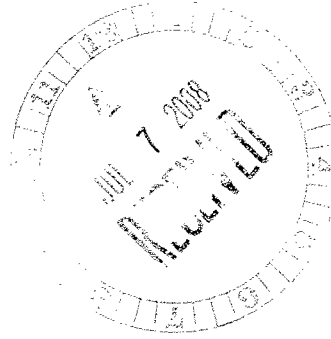


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

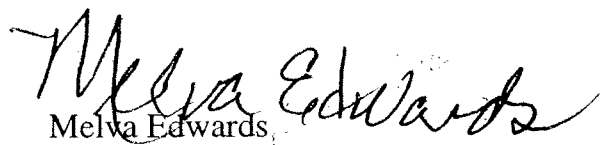
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As you already know, CN has proposed purchasing a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line in order to relocate a majority of the line's freight traffic off of Chicago's overly crowded railways. I am writing in support of this plan as it will bring significant benefits to the residents of the Chicago area.

I have lived in Harvey for more than 20 years and every time I go out, I find myself waiting for as long as half an hour for a freight train to pass at a railroad crossing. While some may see this as a minor inconvenience that must be endured, I do not. The railways have become extremely congested, and it is not just the railway companies that are feeling the effects, the stemming problems have become an issue for the residents as well. These communities and the freight industry have both grown considerably since the tracks were first laid down. It is time to finally expand the railways and reroute many of the freight trains to relieve the congestion.

CN's plan is a reasonable solution to a difficult problem experienced throughout much of the Chicago area. I urge you to give your approval to CN's plan and support the people of Harvey.

Sincerely,


Melva Edwards

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama