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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Carol Stream for approximately twenty years, I have seen a lot of the growth that this community has experienced. CN's proposal to acquire a section of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern in order to clear up a lot of the railway congestion in the Chicago area will allow Carol Stream to continue to grow economically, while still preserving our environment.

Because of the extreme railway congestion here, it can take a freight train 24 hours to get through the city of Chicago alone. Much of this time is spent idling, a process which releases an untold amount of contaminants into Chicago's air. Aside from pollutants, train stoppage also causes delays for cars waiting at railroad crossings.

If CN is able to acquire a portion of the EJ&E Railway, much of the current freight traffic will be re-routed to this railway. This would allow freight trains to transport their goods more efficiently and with fewer stops, as well as allow automobile movement to be less affected by the transportation of cargo. For these reasons, I encourage you to approve CN's approach to alleviating rail congestion throughout the Chicago area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Schilling".

John Schilling