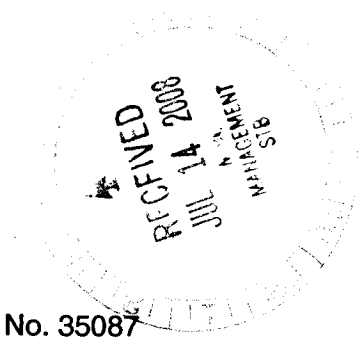


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The train congestion in Buffalo Grove is of serious concern. However, coupled with the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railways, CN has devised a plan that will reduce the number of trains in this area. This plan will permit CN to acquire a portion of the EJ&E line and redirect many routes to the outskirts of the suburban area. By doing so, this will improve the continuity of both rail and road traffic and decrease the amount of hazardous pollutions that pervade the air.

I have been living in Buffalo Grove since 1979 and this area has exponentially increased in population which doesn't help the congestion. Traffic back-ups caused by the freight trains are a regular nuisance. Traffic stretches for about a mile if a crossing is blocked forcing me to leave my house at odd hours just so I can get to my destination in time.

CN intends to re-distribute the trains to help reduce the congestion. Furthermore, since the areas that the trains are being rerouted to are less populated than the south suburbs, the trains will be able to travel to their destinations without having to stop and idle, waiting for the rails to clear. This reduces the amount of pollution emitted into the air.

Secretary Quinlan, I urge you to support and approve this purchase with veracity and enthusiasm. CN's proposal will alleviate many traffic woes for community residents and decrease the amount of pollution that permeates the air. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Patt