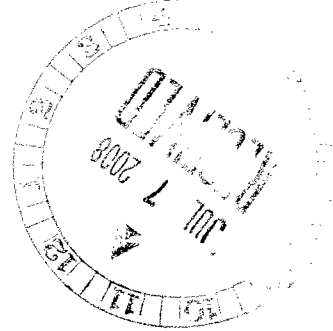


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to you in support of CN's proposed acquisition of a major portion of the EJ&E railway line lying outside of Chicago. CN has proposed this purchase so that it may reduce freight train congestion, a big problem in this region. I implore you to approve this plan, as it will greatly benefit our community.

I live near train tracks, and I see quite a bit of rail congestion. You must plan ahead and count on getting stuck if you want to travel around the area. Reducing the freight traffic is needed most for the commuters who go back and forth every day. Since gasoline is so expensive now, we don't need to waste money, let alone pollute unnecessarily.

CN will lessen train congestion by re-routing excess freight traffic around the city, onto the newly acquired EJ&E line. You hold the key to make this happen. Please grant approval to CN's acquisition as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ruthie Mae Bankhead

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama