

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



Re: Illinois Commerce Commission's Response regarding my letter on STB Finance
Docket 35087 - Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation's Acquisition
of Control of the EJ & E West Company

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan,

I received a letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding this issue. I believe the letter was in response to my own concerns sent to the STB (via STB's website) regarding Canadian National Railway's purchase of the EJ & E West's interest in some rail lines in central Illinois. While I am pleased to see that much attention is being paid to railroad and car traffic safety in the Environmental Impact Statement, I am dismayed to find no mention whatsoever of effects on users of Amtrack in Central and Southern Illinois.

I originally wrote to express my concerns that Canadian National Railway planned to change or eliminate some routes of passenger rail lines without considering effects on towns such as mine, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission did not address these concerns. Would you please advise me, as a concerned and dedicated user of passenger rail in East-Central Illinois, as to potential impacts on rail service in our community?

Sincerely

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