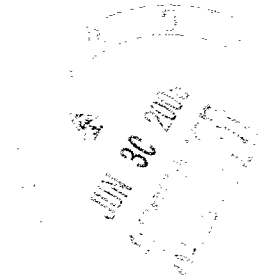


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN's purchase of a part of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company is a move that will bring great benefits to communities like South Holland. It is my sincere hope that you will allow us to realize these gains by approving this transaction.

The number of freight trains that pass through my area on a daily basis is not an abstraction to me. As my house is right near train tracks, I am alerted whenever trains pass; specifically, my house shakes and my windows rattle. This undoubtedly happens to my neighbors as well. If CN is allowed to go forward with its plans, however, we will experience fewer trains roaring by. CN intends to significantly reduce the number of freight trains that currently navigate through so many populous cities and towns.

The new routes will affect fewer residents and will improve overall freight transportation for everyone's benefit. The new pattern will be a net positive for the region as moving cargo by rail is 3 to 4 times more fuel-efficient than is moving the same by truck. By traveling on less congested tracks, freight trains will be able to operate more efficiently. For these reasons, I ask that you look to approve CN's purchase as soon as you can. Residents of the Chicago region will certainly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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