

Sept. 14, 2008

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:

As a Village of South Holland resident, I wish to express my support of Canadian National Railway's effort to buy a part of EJ&E Railway and then divert a majority of freight traffic to the EJ&E line. I am very optimistic that CN's proposal will enhance the quality of our environment and the quality of life for residents living in the Chicago southland region by reducing the number of idling trains waiting to move into train yards and the number of total traffic crossing delays in the Chicagoland area as a whole.

The large number of freight trains traveling through South Holland is an issue that directly affects our community, impacting traffic flow, public safety, noise and air pollution, and general inconvenience for residents, local business owners and commuters. For many, many years, communities like South Holland have contended with heavy freight train congestion, loud horns, horrendous fumes and frequent traffic jams, and so we are genuinely empathetic to the concerns of communities that stand to be impacted by the proposed acquisition of EJ&E.

If the CN proposal is approved, freight rail traffic will be more broadened throughout the Chicago region, providing residents in more populated areas with a little bit of relief.

I greatly appreciate the Surface Transportation Board's attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,

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