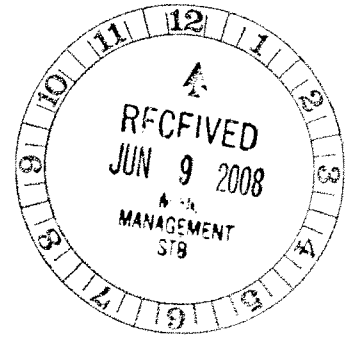


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to you regarding CN's proposed acquisition of a large portion of the EJ&E Railway. This transaction would bring great benefits to residents of the Chicago area. Railway congestion has caused many problems in this metropolis, and in order to ensure that Chicago remains the "transportation hub" of North America, CN needs to be allowed to resolve this issue.

Here in Franklin Park, the traffic delays caused by the constant stopping of freight trains at crossings is terrible. I often find myself waiting at railroad crossings for freight trains to pass. Although the issue has gotten somewhat better with overhead crossings, I would like to see this problem solved in a more dramatic way. If CN is given the go-ahead for this venture, a large portion of the freight traffic would be moved to a line that operates at a distance from Chicago and its nearest suburbs, including Franklin Park. This would provide Franklin Park with a daily reduction of up to 17 fewer trains per day passing through.

In order for the residents to see a relief in the traffic problems caused by railway congestion, CN's proposal needs to be approved. For this reason, I ask for your support of their efforts.

Sincerely,

Wayne Hutchinson

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Rahm Emanuel