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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,

As a resident of Wheeling for almost two decades, I am writing in order to convey my support for CN's plan to relieve the traffic problems experienced due to the heavy railway congestion in this area. CN has proposed to purchase a portion of the EJ&E Railway in order to redirect much of their freight traffic to this existing line.

Previously, I was a computer analyst, and while commuting to work I would many times experience backed up traffic due to the freight congestion. At times, I would alter my travel route around Lake Cook to avoid the delays, but I would still often get stuck in traffic. I also used to participate in a study group in Winnetka on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings; unfortunately, I would get delayed in traffic during these commutes and I would oftentimes miss the group. These delays frustrated me as there was little I could do to solve the problem.

Fortunately, CN has come up with a plan that would alleviate much of the railway congestion. By purchasing a portion of the EJ&E line, CN will be able to redirect many of their freight routes to this underused railway. This will bring significant benefits to the residents of the Chicago area by reducing the amount of traffic delays experienced.

Because this is an escalating problem in need of a solution like CN's, I urge you to give your approval to this plan so that the residents of the Chicago area can begin to see these changes take effect and experience the benefits. Thank you for your time and hopefully, your support.

Sincerely,


Nancy Rabenau