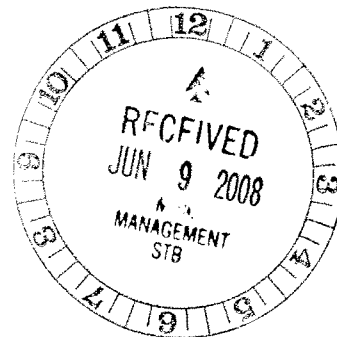


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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**RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Rail congestion in Blue Island is quite troublesome as trains are constantly holding up traffic. The purchase of the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern line by CN will help to relieve traffic and allow for better train flow. Redirecting freight trains to the outskirts of Chicago will utilize a less-congested rail-line and improve the quality of life for Chicago-area residents.

Blue Island has been my home for 25 years. My particular neighborhood is between two different sets of railroad tracks. In my day-to-day travels, I am regularly held up at railroad crossings. There are train tracks in every direction I go and I often find myself leaving excessively early to avoid being late to meetings and appointments. More importantly, I have seen on more than one occasion how emergency services can't get through because of a slow-moving or idling train blocking the roadway. If anything can be done to improve rail congestion, it should be done as soon as possible. It is neither safe nor fair for emergency services to have to wait for endless, passing trains before they can get to their destination.

Being as though we can not eradicate all the trains in the area, this proposal is the next best thing. Board members, please do not let this chance slip away. Approve this acquisition so that the residents of Blue Island can finally get some relief.

Sincerely,

Janet Vallee

cc: Senator Richard Durbin  
Senator Barack Obama  
Congressman Bobby L. Rush

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