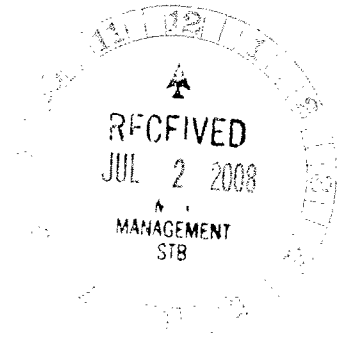


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Train congestion has been a long standing problem that needs to be remedied as soon as possible. Fortunately, CN has a plan that will help thwart freight train congestion and improve travel conditions in the Chicago region. Located in the outskirts of the Chicago region, the EJ&E line has under-utilized rail lines. Rail lines that CN proposes to purchase and make use of by redirecting many freight train routes to these areas. This plan will certainly prove to be advantageous for the freight rail system and commuters alike.

Oftentimes, I find myself waiting for trains to pass. On 63rd Street, I sometimes have to sit for about a half an hour for a train to pass. Eventually, when that trains leaves, another comes from the opposite direction, adding time to the commute to my destination. This affects most residents living in the suburbs of Chicago who regularly travel by car. This wasted time is unacceptable and unfair as we should not have to time ourselves based on the possibility of idling trains.

Alternate routes are always an option; however, it depends on the time. Sometimes there is a lot of traffic, and there is no sense in taking an alternate route because you will end up in just as much traffic as before. Nevertheless, when we do have a chance to take an alternate route, we have to go out of our way and spend an unnecessary amount of fuel getting to our destination. Furthermore, my mother depends on my family and me for support; so when her homecare nurse has left for the day, she calls us to come and tend to her. However, this is difficult to do as I cannot always get to her quickly due to the train congestion.

I strongly encourage you to approve this acquisition of CN by EJ&E. Please, continue to support our transportation system by ensuring that we are able to travel with less difficulty and stress.

Sincerely,

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