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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:

I would like to draw your attention to the CN Railway plan to buy a portion of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern rail line. If approved, this acquisition would clear the way for CN to alter the freight train schedule in a way that would relieve Harvey of its currently intolerable traffic congestion. Specifically, Harvey will see 13-18 fewer trains coming through per day.

As you might imagine, the status quo is very unpopular with Harvey residents and officials. Freight trains come through town constantly, and they often stop for long periods of time. This lack of movement is particularly frustrating when the railroad cars block streets. Speaking from personal experience, I usually wait 10 to 20 minutes for freight trains to go by in these instances.

I sincerely hope you will allow CN to proceed with its plans to ease the difficulties for drivers here. It promises to introduce changes that will help all of us. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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