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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:

Harvey residents are frustrated with freight rail traffic. The CN Railway proposal to buy a portion of EJ&E Railway will significantly reduce the presently intolerable numbers of freight trains that pass through this community. CN will accomplish this by re-routing a number of their trains to the EJ&E line. As a result, I strongly feel that you should support this move.

Unfortunately, the number of train crossings located throughout Harvey, will undoubtedly cause me significant delays. Whether I am going to the post office or the grocery store, I seem to encounter trains that block my route. Even more frustrating, the waits at these stops are usually 20 to 30 minutes long. For those stuck waiting at crossings, there are few options available. Finding other routes normally entails taking a longer time and wasting more gas. I also live directly in front of railroad tracks and oftentimes see freight trains sitting idle with their engines running.

CN's proposal is a viable solution. It will reduce the number of freight trains that go through Harvey by 13 to 18 trains per day. I hope that you will give this transaction your approval. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alberta Walker

