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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



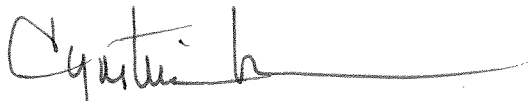
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

We are facing a growing problem in the Chicago area regarding the traffic congestion caused by the number of freight trains occupying the rails. CN Railway has a plan to solve this problem; however, it requires your approval for CN to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line that runs in a circuitous route outside of town. CN wants to run the majority of the freight trains currently going through the more populated Chicago areas along this new route. If this plan is put into action, the volume of freight traffic in La Grange Park would experience a decrease of nine trains per day.

As it stands right now, I am routinely delayed by train traffic when driving through the area. It can take up to 15 minutes for the trains to pass through the crossing. Because of this, I often end up turning off the engine to save fuel. How many of my fellow drivers do the same, I cannot accurately judge. The wasted fuel and time, plus the increased emissions derived from vehicles waiting at the crossing and trains idling through the area are a health hazard as well as an inconvenience.

The residents of the greater Chicago area genuinely need CN to be provided with the necessary approval so that this plan can finally get underway. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Regards,


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