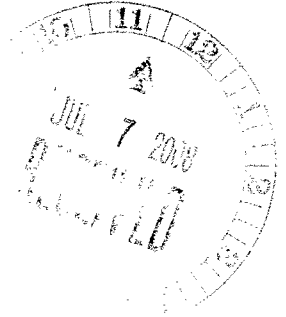


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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

June 13, 2008

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has proposed to initiate changes to the freight rail system within Chicago and its surrounding areas. In the more rural parts of the Chicago area, there is an under-utilized section of the EJ&E line. CN plans to purchase this section and redirect many of their freight trains that are currently causing railway congestion to these tracks. This plan will help to reduce traffic congestion throughout the Chicago area and improve the efficiency of freight transportation.

As a resident of South Holland, I know firsthand how slow the trains pass through our community. Many times the trains travel incredibly slow, oftentimes stopping and reversing direction. Some drivers encountering roads blocked by trains make u-turns to avoid the wait as it can be extremely frustrating when trying to get somewhere in a certain amount of time. However, this also poses a safety concern as first responders also must take longer, indirect routes to emergencies and to critical-care facilities when every minute counts. If approved, train congestion in this area will be relieved which will directly improve traffic in South Holland.

Chicago and the surrounding communities need you to quickly approve this acquisition. Residents of South Holland and other communities around Chicago deserve a better way of life that does not include wasted time stuck in traffic and increased fuel consumption while waiting for idling trains to pass,

Yours truly,

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