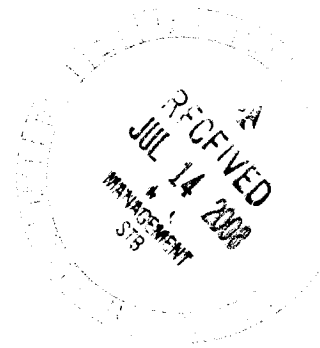


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July 3, 2008

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

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Having a solid railway system is vital to both the economy and the environment of the Chicago region. CN Railway is seeking to improve our system through its purchase of a part of EJ&E Railway. This would allow CN to adjust the pattern of train traffic in this region in a way that utilizes all available resources. I request that you allow CN to proceed.

Currently, freight trains move slower through the area than they should. This creates multiple problems. First of all, it leads to cars being caught in traffic for long periods of time at railroad crossings. Additionally, it makes it harder for passenger trains to move through the area, again affecting the commutes of citizens. Furthermore, it introduces environmental problems, as slow trains lead to freight being moved more often by truck, even though the latter method is 3 to 4 times less fuel-efficient. This means that more pollutants are emitted into the atmosphere.

If approved, the proposed plan would allow CN to address these issues in a comprehensive way. By moving a majority of its freight trains into less-populated areas, the trains would be less of a hindrance to drivers and passenger rail cars. Also, trains would be more reliable in their delivery times, making them a more attractive alternative for shipment than trucks. For these reasons, I hope that you will endorse this transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jerry Koutsky", written over a horizontal line.

Jerry Koutsky