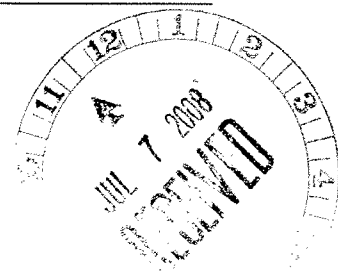


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Having a sound railroad system is essential to the prosperity of the Chicago region. However, the railroad system needs to work within an environment in which it will be less disruptive to commuters. CN Railway's plan to buy a section of EJ&E Railway and then re-route freight train routes farther from the city represents a good way to strike that balance.

ROBERT E. FOKKENS

I am acutely aware of the importance of our railroads. My late father worked 40 years for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, later known as Conrail. He worked his way up from shoveling coal to becoming an engineer for the company, so I have always been sympathetic to the interests of trains. In the current situation, however, freight trains spend too much time blocking the city streets as the railways are currently overcrowded. As a regular driver, I am usually delayed for 15 to 20 minutes each time at crossings. If freight trains do not begin to operate with communities in mind, many of the residents will begin to demand a reduction in freight trains altogether; a result that would be a big mistake.

CN's solution is optimal as it helps both drivers and freight trains. By having these trains travel through sections where they will have fewer delays, they will move more efficiently and become less of a nuisance to the commuters in more densely populated communities. As a result, I urge you to grant approval to CN's acquisition.

Sincerely,

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