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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:

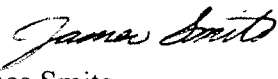
CN has proposed improving travel conditions by purchasing a major section of the EJ&E rail line and redirecting many routes to rural areas around Chicago. This acquisition is a good idea because it will help cut down on traffic, air pollution, and will improve the way freight trains travel.

Although I don't do much traveling, I can understand how people in other areas can benefit from this proposal. Residents in cities such as South Holland and Harvey are constantly being stopped by idle trains, and I am sure it can be frustrating for all those involved.

Additionally, when trains stop, they do not completely shut down. They simply remain on idle mode and continue to run. This means that emissions are still being let out into the environment, and are continuing to saturate our air. If this acquisition is approved, trains will be able to travel more direct routes, decreasing the amount of hazardous chemicals they give off.

Please do not let this proposal slip under the rug. Your approval is needed in order for Chicago and its surrounding areas to have a more reliable, stable and clean transportation system.

Yours Truly,


James Smits