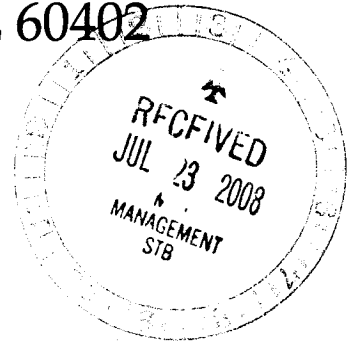


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Our economic well-being here in the Chicago area is intertwined with the fate of the transportation system. Unfortunately, our railways are overcrowded and cause a multitude of problems. CN Railway has come forward with a plan, however, to improve the efficiency of freight trains. By rerouting a number of trains to the EJ&E line, CN would be well on their way to accomplishing this goal. In order to be able to do this, they need approval to buy a portion of EJ&E Railway. This authorization should not be denied.

The railway congestion here has gotten so bad that it can take 24 full hours for a freight train to travel through the city of Chicago alone. This deplorable pace has unfortunate economic consequences. Studies estimate that if the issue of railway congestion is not soon addressed, Chicago could lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years. Clearly, something needs to be done. CN's contribution promises to make a big difference on this front as the company plans to spread out freight traffic via a portion of the EJ&E line that will be made available if the purchase is approved. Please grant this approval as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Pennacchio".

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