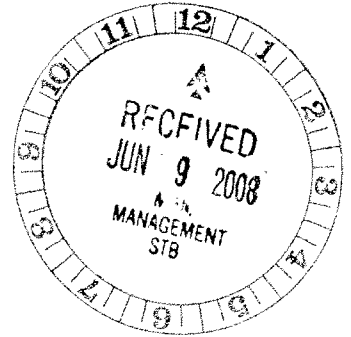


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May 23, 2008

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:

I implore you to support CN's proposed acquisition of part of the EJ&E line in the outlying Chicago region. The plan is to re-route freight traffic away from the city and reduce our congestion problems. Congestion is a serious issue for the residents of Chicago and nearby suburbs.

When I first moved to the Chicago region 12 years ago, train traffic was not an issue. Today, it has become quite a problem for many residents. In my neighborhood, there is a rail line right behind my house. Trains frequently idle on those tracks and blare horns all hours of the night. It has been going on for some time, and it has unfortunately become a normal part of life for South Holland residents.

The number of trains that come through South Holland and block the streets during the day is ridiculous. Something must be done to address this congestion problem, especially in residential areas at all hours of the night and early morning. This is why I support CN's acquisition. With less freight traffic coming through our community, residents will be able to enjoy a quality of life we've lacked for so long.

Please support CN's plan to reduce Chicago's train congestion and approve the CN purchase of the EJ&E line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frankie Mitchell".

Frankie Mitchell

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr.