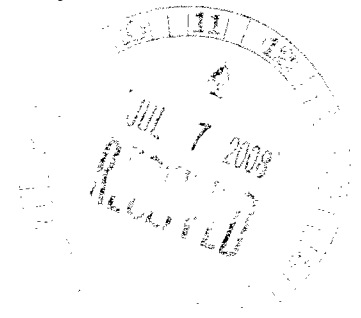


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to express my support for the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E rail line by CN. By allowing CN to purchase a large portion of underused tracks in the more rural areas of Chicago, they will be able to move forward with their plan to redirect many of the freight trains off of the congested railways and onto this existing railway.

Unfortunately, I live right by the train tracks and needless to say, there is no rest from the freight trains. Every night, the trains just sit and idle; the roaring engines make it difficult to fall asleep. In addition, I live in a senior community and the freight trains pose health risks because of the excess toxins they emit. When the trains are idling, one would think things would quiet down, but the aforementioned pollution coupled with the noise that they make just makes it seem as if they were moving.

Aside from the noise and air pollution, I also experience frequent delays at railroad crossings. The worst one that I have come across is located on 159th Street in South Holland. The trains here block several major intersections at once, so attempting to travel an alternate route has proven ineffective. Furthermore, Route 6 is also an area where the delays caused by the trains pose additional safety problems. Route 6 is a main route for ambulances and the fire department; however, I often wonder how they get to their destinations as trains are frequently blocking this street. These problems have been going on for years and it is now time for something to be done about it.

I write to you with great sincerity, please support and approve this transaction between CN and EJ&E. The benefits from this proposal are too great to pass up.

Regards,

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