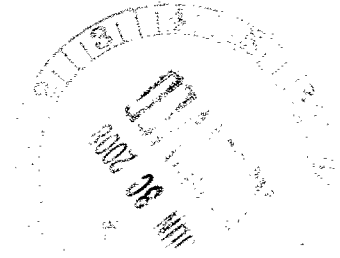


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have been a resident of Mount Prospect since 1980. For 33 years I was a truck driver and often picked up goods from freight rail yards. I understand the necessity of freight trains in regards to the efficient transportation of goods. Unfortunately, when I look at Chicago, I see a problem with freight congestion. CN, one of the major railway operators in the Chicago area is doing something about this problem and I fully support their move to acquire a major portion of the EJ&E line.

Freight trains are an important means of delivering goods in our country. Freight rail transportation is fuel efficient and a viable means to transport goods over long distances. Since Chicago is so congested with freight traffic, whatever steps we need to take to address this issue should be done so that we can continue to promote the economic growth of our region. CN's plan is to buy a part of the EJ&E line and re-route much of their freight traffic to these lines, reducing congestion for the overall region.

This is a needed step for Chicago's freight transportation and I sincerely urge you to approve of CN's acquisition.

Regards,

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