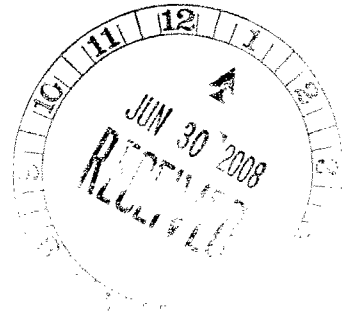


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to the time to voice my support for CN's proposed purchase of a major portion of the EJ&E Railway. This change would bring significant benefits to the Chicago area.

With gas prices continuing to rise, the freight train industry is poised for growth. Because freight transportation is more efficient than transporting goods via trucks, we may see more businesses choosing the former. Unfortunately, Chicago's congested railways are not presently in a position to handle this additional growth. Because of the current level of congestion, it can take a freight train 24 hours just to make it through the city of Chicago.

If CN is able to acquire a section of the EJ&E Railway, much freight traffic will be relocated to this route and away from the more crowded ones in the Chicago area. This would not only make freight trains traveling through the region more efficient, but would also help us avoid further economic problems. Studies have shown that unless the transportation issue is resolved, for example, Chicago will lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years.

This transaction will benefit many of Chicago's industries and help our economy. For these reasons, I ask that you support CN's proposal to acquire a portion of the EJ&E Railway. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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