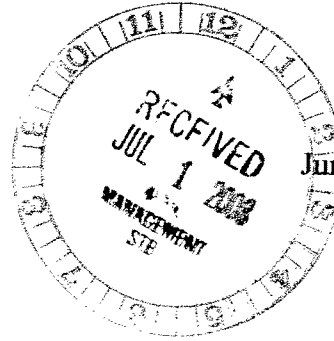


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U.S. Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Anne K. Quinlan
395 E Street SW, Washington
DC 20423-0001

RE: U.S. Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Anne K Quinlan

This in regards to the Canadian National Railroad's intent to purchase the EJ&E Railroad.

I am in favor of this acquisition. In the world, a little rain must fall. The railroad has been in place before many of the homes were built, so they should expect someone may want to capitalize on the resources by actually running trains on them.

I grew up in the area around O'Hare International airport. In the late 50's it started expanding and kept growing to what it is today. A tremendous boon to our economy. We did not like the fact that we would have to stop conversations because of the noise the jets caused, but had to live with it.

I think this should be approved and the local governments, along with the state and federal government should work together to make grade separations in strategic areas to allow traffic to flow.

I recall there were issues in Reno, NV that were resolved by trenching the railroad, at a tremendous cost to all involved, but resolved.

Thanks for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert P Pedersen'.

Robert P Pedersen