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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:

Pivotal steps need to be taken in order to remedy train congestion in Harvey. Fortunately, CN has developed a plan that will improve Harvey's transportation system and inevitably help to improve the way freight trains travel. Located in the more rural parts of the Chicago area, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line has a large portion of underutilized tracks that CN has proposed to purchase. If approved, CN will then redirect many freight trains to this line, which will reduce train congestion and reduce traffic delays. As a resident who is affected by this congestion, I fully support CN's proposal.

I am most affected by idling trains during the morning and evening rush hours. I take a bus to get to work. Oftentimes, the freight train that causes me the most problems catches me right at the bus terminal. I may not get stopped every day, but I am almost guaranteed that I will get stopped at least two times a week. One morning, I had to wait for 25 minutes before I was able to cross the track which made me late for work. Sometimes I try to find alternate routes; however, if I do that, I have to go too far out of my way wasting more precious time.

I strongly encourage you to approve this acquisition of EJ&E by CN. This proposal is fundamental to improving Harvey's transportation system.

Sincerely,

Signora Mitchell