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

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

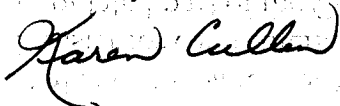
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The traffic in Chicago and its surrounding areas has increasingly become more of a challenge to maneuver through. However, CN has developed a plan that will make it easier for commuters to travel throughout the area. Situated in a less densely populated part of the Chicago area, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line has a large section of tracks that are currently under-utilized. CN has proposed to purchase this section and redirect many of their freight train routes to these tracks. In doing so, traffic conditions will improve tremendously and the efficiency of freight travel will also improve.

Every now and then, my travels get interrupted by freight trains. The wait is normally only five minutes; however, sometimes the delays can go much longer. Nevertheless, my main concern is the pollution that the idle trains emit. I suffer from asthma, so it would behoove me not be in situations where I am inhaling excess toxic pollutants. In addition, this proposal will also help to improve the response time of emergency services. First responders will be able to travel less convoluted routes and get to their intended destinations as quickly as possible without having to stop at multiple railroad crossings.

This proposal will provide a much needed boost for the Chicago's transportation system. Chicago is the transportation hub of North America, and it is only right that we do what we can to ensure that it is kept up to standards. Please give your unwavering support and approval for the transaction between CN and EJ&E.

Sincerely,



Karen Cullen