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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Something needs to be done about the excessive amount of freight train traffic in Chicago. Residents should not have to contend with this constant annoyance. If you could see fit to approve CN Railway's proposed purchase of an underused portion of the EJ&E line, they could transfer much of their freight traffic onto this section of railway encompassing the Chicago area.

The trains are a nuisance, and when they are being switched from one track to another, it can cause delays of up to an hour. On one occasion, I was so ill that I had to go to the doctor and was stuck at a train crossing for 40-50 minutes, which is an unacceptable amount of time. If CN is able to acquire this portion of rail line, they will be able to resolve the railway congestion, and the stemming problems, such as the long and frequent delays, will soon diminish.

The population of the Chicago area needs you to grant approval so that CN will have the opportunity to improve our transportation system. I urge you to put your support behind this plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Patterson

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