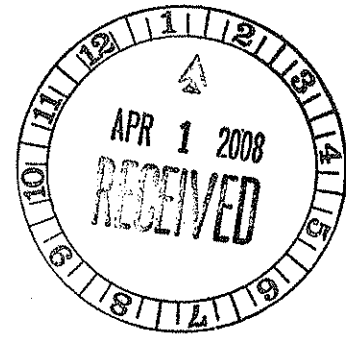


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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company  
and Grand Trunk Corporation - Control - EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The City of Northlake supports the purchase of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railroad.

Utilizing this long neglected railway as a bypass around Chicago's congested rail system will go a long way to reaching the goals of the CREATE project - untangling the knot which is strangling the flow of freight rail traffic through Chicago.

The future needs of commuters would be served if there is some provision to add commuter service in the EJ&E corridor in the future if the demand arises and a funding source is found. In the meantime, improving the movement of freight traffic through Chicago will also help commuters in the Chicago area now.

I am urging your support for this highly critical improvement to the Chicago area's transportation system.

Yours truly,

Jeffrey T. Sherwin  
Mayor

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