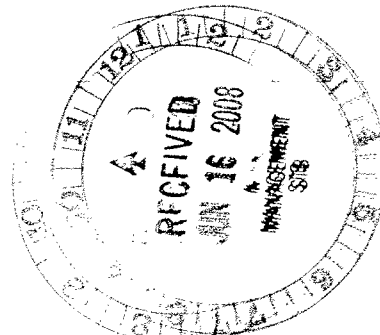


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Here in the Chicago region, train congestion is a big issue. Abundant freight traffic has caused frequent blocking of suburban crossings. CN intends to reduce this problem by purchasing a portion of the EJ&E line in order to send excess freight traffic around our area, instead of through it. I strongly urge you to support this course of action.

I have been living in the Des Plaines area for 20 years and the only way to leave town is through a rail crossing. Unfortunately, the ubiquitous freight traffic makes the crossing difficult to pass without being held-up *at least* 3 times each week; each time for a minimum of 10 minutes. If I'm trying to get somewhere in a timely manner, the current reality becomes especially frustrating.

Additionally, the extra traffic causes greenhouse gases to take a greater toll on the atmosphere and environment. Anything we can do to reduce this unfortunate pollution should be placed into action.

CN's plan is a viable course of action to combat both of these problems and I fully support their desire to acquire part of the EJ&E line. I strongly urge you to approve CN's acquisition of the EJ&E line. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Pagels".

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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky