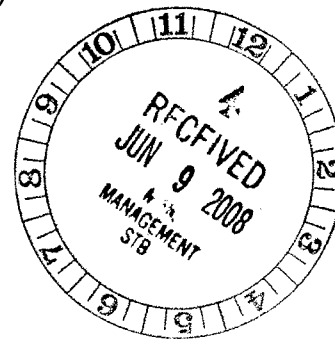




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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

It is with a sense of urgency that I write to you regarding CN's acquisition of EJ&E Railway. Its approval would not only provide a significant economic benefit to the Chicago area, but an environmental one as well.

Since I am retired, I am not out all that often, but when I do travel outside of the city, I can sometimes expect to spend around thirty minutes waiting for an idling train to move. This causes an extreme amount of pollution to go into Chicago's air, greatly decreasing its quality. If CN is able to purchase EJ&E Railway, the time it takes a train to get across the city to their destination will greatly decrease, which would mean fewer pollutants in the air for the residents of Chicago and its surrounding areas. This would also relieve the traffic gridlock created by the extreme railway congestion.

The benefits that the Chicago area residents will experience with this acquisition are too much to pass up. I ask for your approval of this purchase to allow for the area to experience a relief in railway congestion and an improvement in air quality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ross

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky