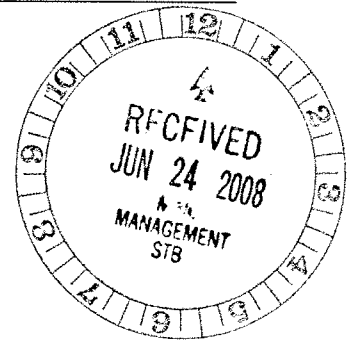


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Many factors go into making a well-run economy. Efficiency in transportation, in particular, is one dynamic that we overlook at our peril. CN Railway has a strong plan to improve efficiency, as well as enhance our environment and our standing as consumers. Their idea consists of buying a section of the EJ&E Railway and redirecting much of their freight traffic to more lightly-populated and lightly-traveled sections of the Chicago metropolitan region.

Moving freight by trains is something that we should encourage for a couple of reasons. First of all, moving cargo by trains is 3 to 4 times more fuel efficient than moving the same by trucks. This makes transportation less expensive, eventually making the products that are transported more affordable. Furthermore, less fuel used leads to less environmental degradation, an issue we cannot ignore in an area of our size.

Currently, however, we are not getting all that we can out of our freight trains. They spend far too much time idling on the city streets, which not only makes their journeys longer, but also needlessly pollutes the air and delays area residents. CN can greatly help us with this problem by moving a large amount of this traffic to where it can move more freely and with less interference.

Public officials should always be striving for policies that result in the greater good of the populace. CN's proposal is an example of this, and it should be approved. Please allow freight trains to be less burdensome and more of the benefit that they have the potential to become. Thank you.

Regards,

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