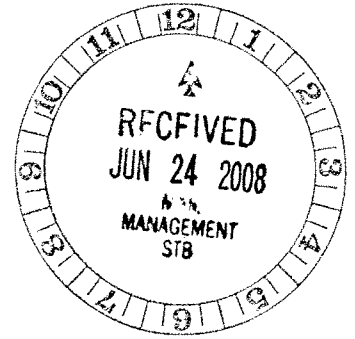


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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

A strong and reliable system of railroads is important to our region and to the nation. CN Railway intends to help do this by acquiring part of the EJ&E railway. This will give freight trains more area to operate, allowing more of them to perform their functions. Since we cannot ignore the health of our rail network, I strongly encourage you to endorse this transaction.

It is imperative that the balance between hauling goods by train and by truck be tilted more toward the former than it is currently. The main reason this should be the case is that moving cargo by rail is 3 to 4 times more fuel-efficient than is moving the same by trucks. In today's environment of skyrocketing gasoline prices, this is a very important consideration. If CN is allowed to expand, rail capacity will be freed, producing savings in the process. As you can see, CN's proposal represents a very positive step. Please, give your support to CN's plan. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred Havard