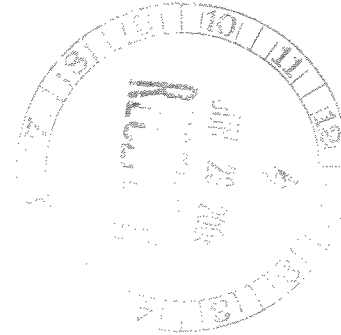


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am 76 years old and have lived in the Chicago area my entire life. The increasing train traffic through Harvey is making life rather difficult for residents. I am writing in hopes that CN Railway's proposal to purchase a portion of the EJ&E Railway will receive the necessary approval. If approved, CN's plan includes rerouting most of the area's freight traffic out of town and to the EJ&E line.

Several trains pass through Harvey on a daily basis. Many stop and idle on our tracks for a period of time before slowly moving on. I have also observed traffic at the 159th Street and South Holland crossing backed up for 4 miles. It is not unusual to encounter 20-25 minute delays several times each week. Over time, I have been familiarizing myself with their schedule so I can try to avoid the times when trains are expected to cross.

In addition to the traffic congestion, I often hear trains blowing their whistles at two- or three o'clock in the morning - waking me from a good night of sleep. All in all, it is a genuine headache to deal with. Since CN has come up with a credible way to drastically reduce the freight traffic through these residential areas, I hope you will do whatever you can to facilitate the process. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

William Rutherford