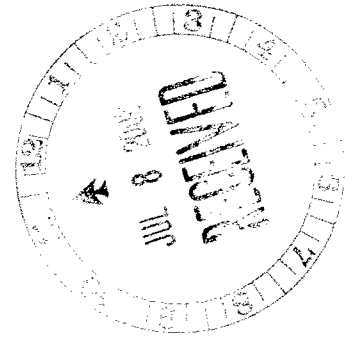


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

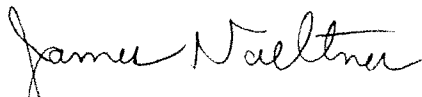
As a resident of Chicago, I would like to voice my support for CN's proposed partial acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway.

Railway congestion is a terrible problem; it can take 24 hours for a freight train to pass through the city of Chicago. This is unacceptable; it decreases the efficiency of moving freight by train in the "transportation hub of North America". Freight train transportation serves a great economic purpose for not only the Chicago area, but for the rest of the country. Railway congestion is a problem that needs to be resolved.

By allowing CN to purchase this portion of railway, many freight trains will be able to use this rail line rather than add to the congestion of the lines they are currently utilizing. With more lines, the freight train capabilities and efficacy in the Chicago area will greatly increase.

For these reasons, I urge you to consider CN's approach to the railway congestion. Chicago's economy relies a great deal on freight trains so it is vital that we see relief from these types of problems. Thank you for your time and anticipated support.

Yours Truly,


James Noeltner

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama