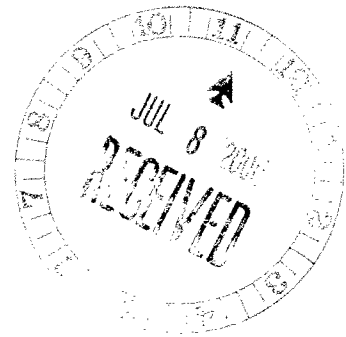


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July 3, 2008

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:

The fate of the Chicago areas economy is highly dependent on a vibrant transportation system. This is largely a function of geography; Chicago lies at the link between a major waterway and a comprehensive transcontinental rail network. Given this, it is important to our economic future that we have a sound system for the transportation of goods. However, this is currently not the case. Freight trains move through the area so slowly that it often takes up to 24 hours for a train to travel from the south side to the north side of Chicago.

This amount of railway congestion is simply unacceptable. If this traffic pattern is allowed to continue, Chicago will likely become a second-rate economic power. The CN Railway has a plan to allow them to move a portion of the areas rail network into the 21st century. Specifically, the CN wishes to buy an under used segment of the EJ&E line and move a majority of their freight trains that are currently contributing to our congested railways to this line outside the city. This would allow trains to move at a faster pace through the area, giving our region the more efficient transportation system it needs. I cannot see any reason why you should not approve this proposal. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Holmes".

Kenneth Holmes