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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:

CN has proposed to curtail many of Markham's traffic woes, with the main offender being the freight trains. The freight trains in this area are a constant inconvenience; however, CN has devised a plan that is comprised of purchasing a large section of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line and rerouting many of their freight trains to these existing rail tracks outside of Chicago. This plan will help improve both freight and commuter travel.

I get stopped quite often by idle freight trains, which this area is riddled with. In addition, the freight trains even prevent school buses from getting children to school on time. There have been instances where school buses have had to take alternate routes in order to even get the children to school, this is completely unacceptable.

One of the many reasons why we have numerous railroads is because this area used to house many factories. Since then, several of those factories have shut down and more and more residents and businesses are consuming this area. Because this area is growing, it is time to reconsider the transportation system and make changes that are conducive for this environment.

This proposal will be a catalyst in rebuilding our transportation system in this area. Please support and approve this partial acquisition of EJ&E by CN and help to ensure that our travel system stays current.

Sincerely,

Annie Hills