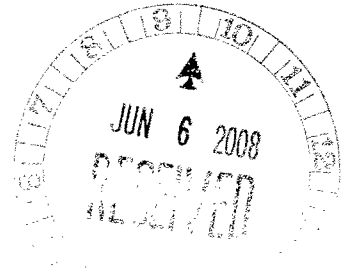


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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087 – Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan,

I'm writing to express my support of the acquisition of the EJ&E railroad by the Canadian National Railway Company.

Railroads are the most fuel-efficient means of moving freight and emit much less pollution than trucks carrying comparable loads. Using less fuel and creating less pollution must be of paramount importance to individuals, corporations and government agencies.

Rail routes into and out of Chicago are severely congested. The Canadian National proposes to spend \$400 million to buy and upgrade the EJ&E. They will be taking an existing route and better utilizing it, thereby improving the economic health of the region and improving the nation's rail network.

I understand there is a small group of people opposed to this acquisition. They settled next to an established but little used rail route with the hope that it would remain an under-utilized asset. But, the economic and ecological benefits to the region and nation are essential. The EJ&E should be updated and more fully utilized.

Sincerely,

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