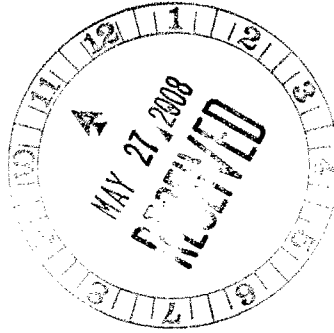


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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -- Control -- EJ&E West Company

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

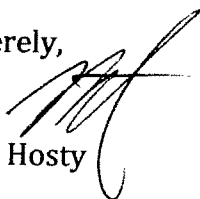
I am writing to express my support of the CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E rail line. I am an elected Village Commissioner in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois. Our community is located within close proximity of the City of Chicago and enjoys the benefits of the big urban area while maintaining our small town feel.

One of the main assets that make this metropolitan area truly great is our transportation system. However, this system is struggling. A main concern is the inefficient movement of freight traffic through our region. In order for the region to remain viable and strong we need to address the current congestion and determine how to deal with the projected future growth of freight to and through the Chicagoland area.

As a government leader and steward of the public interest, a privately funded solution is always better than one that strictly relies on public funding. The CN's purchase and proposed improvements to the EJ&E will be done with private funds. It is also important to me that we keep this region rich in economic opportunity and growth. Improving our transportation is key to achieving that goal and to keeping our communities, like Forest Park, prosperous.

I ask the STB to approve CN's purchase of the EJ&E.

Sincerely,



Mark Hosty