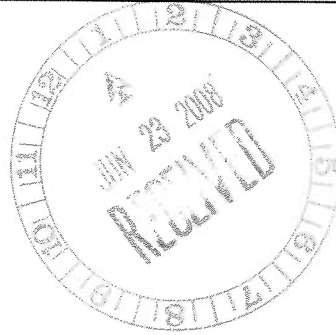


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a retired resident of Franklin Park, I am writing to you in order to voice my support for CN's proposed acquisition of a major portion of the EJ&E Railway.

Although I do not drive as much as I used to, I still experience waits due to train congestion on streets such as Belmont Avenue, which is not far from where I live. Moreover, it can take a freight train up to 24 hours to make it through Chicago proper because the railways are congested with so many other trains. Most of this time is spent idling, adding pollutants into the air, and consuming expensive and limited fuel.

If CN is able to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, much of the freight traffic from this area will be able to use EJ&E and transport their goods with fewer stops, using less gas in the process. This would allow other communities close to Chicago to experience some relief as well, due to the fact that fewer freight trains will be traveling through their areas.

Studies have shown that if this problem is not addressed, Chicago will lose two billion dollars in production as well as 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years. In order for Chicago area residents to avoid this type of misfortune, we need your approval of CN's proposed acquisition. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joanne Gerst'.

Joanne Gerst

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Rahm Emanuel