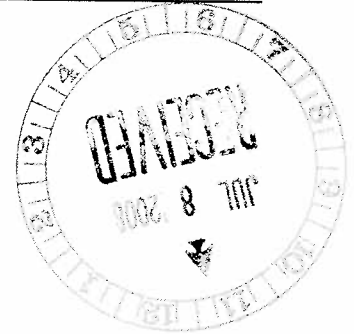


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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

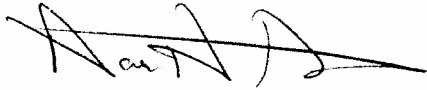
My name is Aaron Degodny. I am a marketing executive for CN, with responsibility for the sales and marketing functions for many of our largest customers. In this capacity, I know first-hand the value of service to our customers as well as their sensitivity to all of the factors that add to their cost of doing business. Inefficiencies in the transportation part of the production process are a source of concern to our customers. From the perspective of the railroad companies, there are relatively few opportunities to make a significant impact that results in a dramatic improvement to the customers and their operations. In turbulent economic times like we are in now, the pressures to control costs are even greater, both on the side of the service provider as well as the customer.

CN is on the verge of a dramatic improvement in customer service with their desired investment in the property of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. A successful integration of this railroad, when taken with CN's existing properties, not only offers an attractive option for competing in other market areas, but another benefit by reducing the amount of time a customer's shipments remains in transit. Consistent improvements in transit time is of immense benefit to the customer, as they can plan much more easily for regular flows of their own product and minimize the amount of inventory they are required to carry. Congestion in the Chicago area has been a well-documented issue throughout my entire career, and CN's acquisition, if approved, will clear up at least some of that issue.

Your development of an EIS is a process that cannot be taken lightly. However, it appears that the amount of resources you have been able to dedicate to this study, plus the amount of time already spent on these activities, is very significant. Given the relative size of this acquisition, compared with far larger acquisitions approved in the past, it would seem that your final decision can and should rightfully be forthcoming in the near future.

I highly recommend you approve this transaction as soon as possible, as our ongoing economic challenges are continuing to put more and more pressures on the users of railroad services in the U.S. today. Help make this private investment happen, for the better good of surface transportation in North America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron H. Degodny', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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