

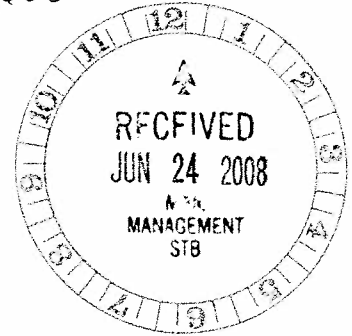


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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Finance Docket n. 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

As Fire Chief of the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District, I am writing this letter to urge your approval of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of EJ&E Railroad.

The decrease in train traffic in our community, if the purchase is approved, will greatly increase public safety as well as reduce traffic congestion. This proposal will also provide economic benefits to our community and many others. I understand the concern in neighborhoods where train traffic will increase, but far fewer communities will be negatively impacted than those that will benefit.

Northeastern Illinois is a vital region for freight transportation in the United States, and a viable solution to the train congestion in Chicago has long been needed. We need to look at the big picture and do what will benefit our region as a whole.

The CN proposal will result in smoother, faster freight transportation for the entire country. I encourage you to approve the balanced solution to freight train congestion being proposed by CN Railroad.

Sincerely,

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