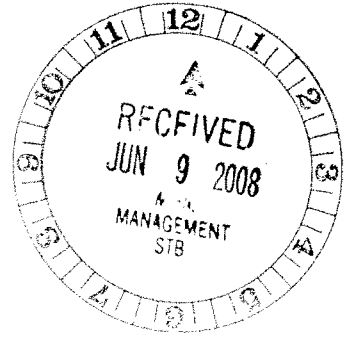


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to ask for your support regarding CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. CN plans to move most of the region's freight traffic farther to the west on the EJ&E.

As a resident of Franklin Park, I am constantly delayed by the trains passing through our community. I regularly watch the police issue tickets to trains that park in the middle of our throughways and idle with their massive engines running. However, the tickets do no good as the trains have been parking here for as long as I can remember. It seems they just factor the tickets into their business expenses.

I certainly understand the need for train companies to stay in operation and the economic reasons for moving goods by rail, but I don't see why residents of Franklin Park or other communities should be so unfairly and consistently inconvenienced by so much traffic. This can't be what we pay taxes for.

I urge you to take a moment to consider how the neighborhoods around Chicago have grown in population, and how much we would benefit by rerouting the trains. Opening up our streets for easier traffic and cutting down on noise pollution are two improvements that come immediately to mind. Please approve CN's purchase of the EJ&E.

Respectfully,

Karen Pritchett

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Rahm Emanuel