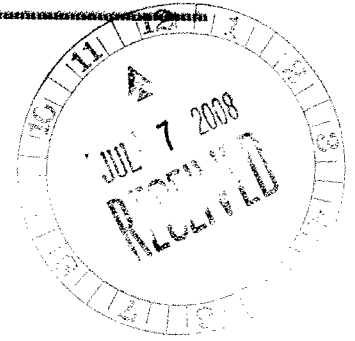


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to take some time to express my support for CN's plan to relieve much of the railway congestion in the Chicago area. Their plan includes purchasing a large section of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, and redirecting many of their freight trains to the outskirts of the Chicago area.

In the current environment, I frequently come across idle trains. Unfortunately, they come at the most inconvenient times; around lunchtime and the evening rush hour. There is not much that drivers can do in these instances other than to wait for the trains to move out of the way. If CN is able to acquire this railway, though, many of their freight trains will be moved off of Chicago's congested railways and onto a currently underused rail line. This will reduce the frequency of trains through certain heavily populated areas and loosen up railway traffic for the region as a whole.

Because this is a problem in urgent need of a solution, I ask that you support this plan and allow CN to purchase part of the EJ&E Railway. The residents of the Chicago area welcome this proposal, and I hope that you will do the same.

Sincerely,


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