

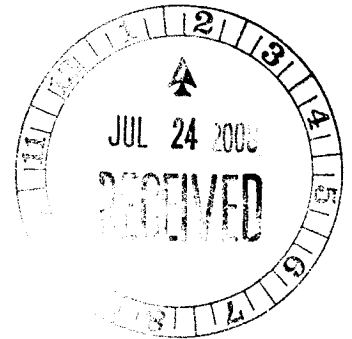
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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN and Elgin, Joliet and Eastern have joined forces to relieve travelers from the gridlock caused by train congestion. This plan will allow CN to acquire a portion of the EJ&E line and reroute freight trains so that they are evenly distributed amongst the entire Chicago region. This limited acquisition will improve traffic conditions as a whole and will cut down on air pollution.

I have lived in Prospect Heights since 1975 and my main concern is the sheer volume of trains that travel through this area per day. This plan makes sense because it will reduce the number of trains and provide commuters with better travel options. We will not have to leave our houses so early in order to get to school or work on time. No longer will our travels be deterred by slow moving or idle freight trains.

Also, there have been occasions where I have been stopped, especially at Wolf Road. Most of my delays only set me back about 10 minutes; however, 10 minute delays can add up exponentially and cause me lose out on a lot of time. Furthermore, a 10 minute delay can prove to be costly for a business that depends on transportation and timeliness.

Madam Secretary, do not pass up this opportunity to improve freight and commuter traffic in Prospect Heights. I strongly encourage you to support and approve this proposal as it produces benefits that will trickle down to anyone who travels.

Sincerely,

Sue Barton