

August 21, 2008

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to again voice my strong support for the CN's purchase and use of the EJ&E tracks circling the Chicago area. Their planned acquisition and operations plan offers several benefits:

1. Ability for Metra to potentially increase service offerings on the North Central Line.
2. Reduction in freight traffic congestion.
3. Significant reduction in the required scope and cost of the CREATE project, making it more likely that it will be funded and built.
4. More efficient use of existing railroad rights-of-way in the Chicago area; the EJ&E is quite underutilized at this point.

Because the EJ&E right-of-way is already used as a rail corridor, this proposed acquisition has very little effect on the environment.

I urge the STB and any other responsible agencies to expeditiously approve CN's plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lev", written in a cursive style.

Michael Lev