

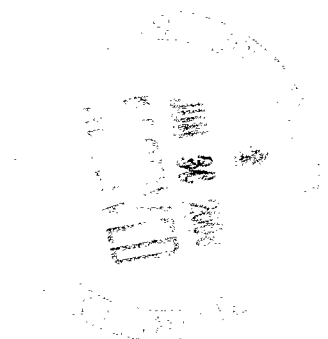


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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Much has been said in the press lately about CN's request for approval to purchase most of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana. I believe much of that is overblown and ignores the positive aspects of the transaction.

I am a current employee of CN in Illinois, and from my perspective as an operating officer within the company, it is very clear that our customers in downstate Illinois and beyond will benefit from this acquisition. It will remove a constant source of delay in the shipment of their products by moving around the Chicago area, especially now when all our customers are experiencing higher production costs unrelated to transportation. If we can eliminate some uncertainty in their flows of goods and materials, they can manage their own inventories much more closely and contain some of their own costs. Their own employees' jobs depend on their ability to remain competitive.

This proposed acquisition can help, and I hope you will keep in mind that there are sides of this proposal that are well beyond the immediate Chicago region. Please complete your review of the acquisition as soon as possible as many of our customers are hoping that this will take place.

Sincerely,

M. D. Monsour
Superintendent

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The Honorable Barack Obama