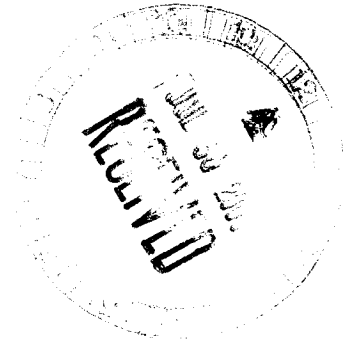


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

From the perspective of someone who lives one block away from a railroad crossing, I can inform you that freight trains are omnipresent here in La Grange. This may not always have to be the case, however. CN Railway is seeking approval for a partial acquisition of EJ&E Railway, a move that would allow CN to reroute a majority of its freight trains to an underused line that orbits the metropolitan area. I feel that this move should receive your support.

If I had to choose what upsets me the most about the sluggish pace of freight trains in our area, I would have to say it's the delays I experience while on my way to the store. Because there are so many freight trains in our area and not enough tracks for them to use, stops are frequent. As it happens, train tracks stand in the way of my walk to the pharmacy and grocery store. I have waited as long as 20 minutes to cross the track.

There is no reason why our freight train system needs to be so inefficient. Nobody wins with the trains idling and blocking roads for indeterminate stretches of time. I encourage CN's efforts to address this problem, and I hope you will as well.

Sincerely,

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