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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:

Along with many other residents of the Chicago area, I am frequently delayed during daily commutes due to freight trains blocking streets. Fortunately, it is becoming increasingly likely that the problems with the railway congestion will be resolved. CN Railway has a plan in waiting to divert a large amount of freight rail traffic to the outskirts of the Chicago region. If it can get approval for its offer to purchase part of EJ&E Railway, CN will be poised to implement this plan.

My main reason for exasperation with the current train traffic pattern is that it often causes me to be late for doctor's appointments at McNeal Hospital in Cicero. Sometimes, the traffic is so bad that I miss the appointment entirely. This affects not only me, but the entire sequence of other patients' visits to the doctor.

The sole reason for my tardiness in these cases is the delays at train crossings caused by idle freight trains. I would very much like to see this problem addressed. This is why I support CN's plan, and hope you will as well.

Yours Truly,

Betty Thomas