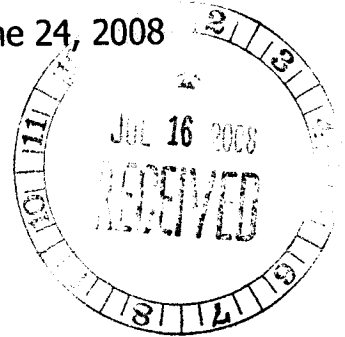


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN Railway is engaged in an effort that would, if approved, improve our daily commutes and help us avoid further economic difficulties. Their proposal to purchase part of the EJ&E line, and then move freight trains to this underused line, deserves your full support.

Delays at a railroad crossing are a daily nuisance for me. I would estimate that when I get stopped, it takes anywhere from 15 to 35 minutes before I can clear the crossing. It would be very nice, to say the least, if this were not such a constant part of my everyday routine.

Furthermore, the economic consequences for the city as a whole will be serious if the problem of train congestion is not addressed. Studies suggest that if the congestion is not alleviated in some fashion, Chicago will lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years.

CN has committed itself to improving transportation in this area. As this is a very important component of our overall economy, I strongly urge you to approve their latest endeavor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allen Mahone