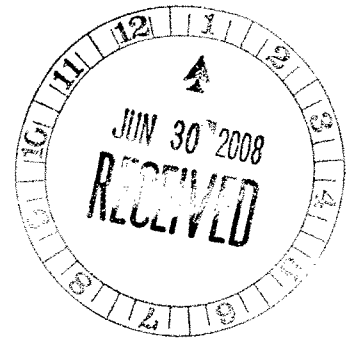


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June 16, 2008

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:

Although the level of train traffic has had little effect on me personally, I recognize the problem it poses for many residents in the Chicago area. This is why I support CN Railway's proposal to purchase a segment of the EJ&E railway that encompasses the city of Chicago and its suburbs. CN plans to use this line to reroute freight traffic that would otherwise travel through the Chicago area on congested railways.

I have read about the train congestion in the paper and know people who live near Harlem Avenue that have had multiple difficulties with trains blocking that crossing. In addition, I have sympathy for those individuals living so close to the tracks, as they can often feel their houses vibrate. Because of this, the trains are required to move slower when going through residential areas. By moving the freight train routes to these rail lines that run through more sparsely populated areas, their travel time will be expedited. This adds to the efficacy of transporting goods via train.

I have been living in the area for 36 years. I have also worked for a railroad as a yard master for many years, so I can speak to this issue with a certain amount of additional insight. Train congestion has been negatively impacting Riverside and I am sure the same scenario applies for many other neighborhoods throughout the Chicago area. Please take the right step of approving this much needed measure. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Arthur Szlachta

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Szlachta".

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