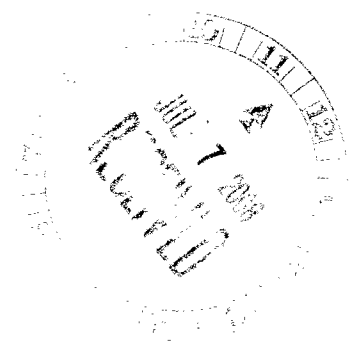


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The current level of freight train traffic through Harvey and other communities in this area is damaging the quality of life for area residents. As people expect the city streets to be available for emergency vehicles to cross through, their frequent blockage by freight trains is rather unsettling. This reason, along with the delays I continually experience, has convinced me to give my support to CN's proposal to buy a part of the EJ&E Railway.

Because of the effects the trains have on my commute, I can speak with some authority on the issue. On my way home from work, I almost daily run into a stationary train at the 147th Street crossing. Although my main concern during these times is about how irritated I am, the 20 to 30 minute wait could potentially be life-threatening for someone being carried through town in an emergency vehicle. When every minute counts, even being able to find an alternate route to go by may not be enough to make up for the time lost.

CN has a way to help us deal with such a situation in a much better fashion; mainly, by avoiding its occurrence in the first place. If its purchase is approved, CN will be able to follow through on its plans to re-route a number of their freight trains to the EJ&E line. This will greatly lessen our volume of traffic and improve the fluidity of travel for the trains, commuters, and emergency vehicles. Given what I have conveyed to you, I hope you will approve their effort. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Betty Neil