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Ms. Anne Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Subject: *Canadian National Railway Co., et al. – Control – EJ&E
West Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

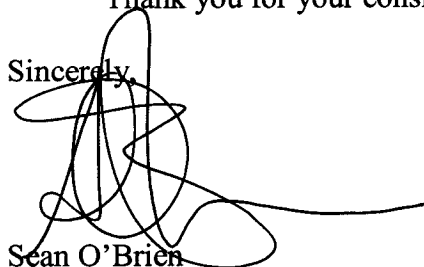
We are writing in support of CN's proposed acquisition of the major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E), on the basis that it will improve rail service in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The greater Chicago area has the largest railroad switching center in North America. CN's proposed acquisition would help to reduce congestion by rerouting CN traffic from downtown to the less congested EJ&E line in suburban Chicago. The more efficient rail operations that will result will benefit CN and other railroads.

We encourage the STB to review and approve this transaction expeditiously, as proposed by CN in its requests

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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