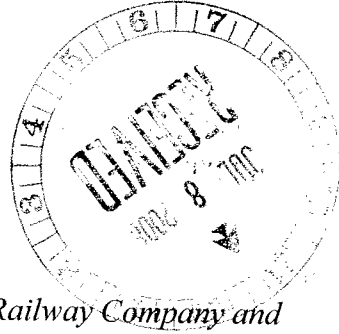


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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087-*Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation-Control- EJ&E West Company*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I support the proposed acquisition by Canadian National Railway of the major portion of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company ("EJ&E").

Rail transportation is very vital to the US; it is the most efficient way to move imported products from the West Coast to the East Coast with Chicago being a major Hub in this process for all major railroads. Currently CN uses the Belt Railway of Chicago and the Indian Harbor Belt to make connections across the City. With the congestions that both carriers already experience, CN's trains are not receiving priority. Allowing the CN to acquire and operate the EJ&E will help in the efforts to improve fluidity in Chicago's urban core.

The proposed transaction will permit CN to redirect many of its trains away from downtown Chicago and onto the EJ&E. This will improve the efficiency of CN's operation, decrease train delays in Chicago for all railroads, and reduce energy use, in addition to offering improved service for customers.

Thank you for your consideration of my views concerning this transaction and I hope the STB will advance a decision soon. I request that this letter be included in the public docket regarding this case.

Sincerely,

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