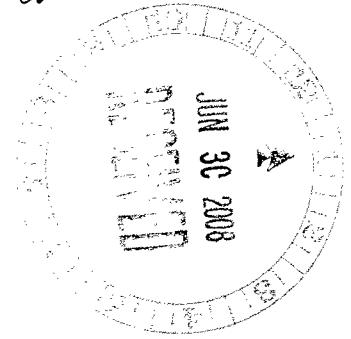


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

June 12, 2008

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Harvey for the past 38 years, I can confidently say that the status quo of heavy freight train congestion needs to be shaken up. CN's plan to purchase a portion of the EJ&E railway and divert much of their freight traffic to this line orbiting the city is a very wise proposal and should be approved.

The train crossings that I am most familiar with are the ones at 150th Street and Broadway, both in Harvey. Not only do I frequently encounter delays here, but the waits themselves tend to last 20 minutes at a time. This is an unacceptable amount of time in such an important metropolitan area such as Chicago.

CN's plan to reduce the number of trains stopping at these crossings to one per day would counteract this problem of wasted time and gas for citizens of the area. Furthermore, it would reduce the great amount of pollution that a critical mass of idling trains cause.

There are a number of positive reasons to support CN's effort. I hope that you will approve their proposal and allow them to begin putting into place solutions to our problems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie Martin".

Willie Martin

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama