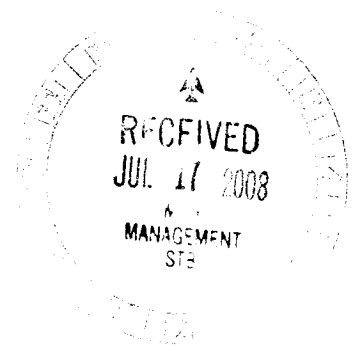


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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Washington D.C. 20423

Subject: GT-CN Rys desire to acquire Elgin Joliet and Eastern RR

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Realizing you are a busy lady I will not take much of your time. My name is Frank Morrissey, a retired railroad employee, a graduate of Tufts University and who served in the U. S. Navy, in WWII. I wish to make a few comments about the above subject in which I am keenly interested. As I understand it the CN-GT Railways wish to acquire the EJERR, a shorthaul switching carrier in the Chicago area in order to effect operating efficiencies in order to provide better service to their customers and to make themselves more competitive in the very competitive transportation industry.

When one considers that one diesel powered locomotive can pull 100 or more freight cars it seems achievable to get considerable traffic off of our congested highways particularly in light of the under utilization of much of railroad capacity. Not to digress except to make a point. I recently used the auto train from Florida to Lorton, Va. just south of Washington an overnight service that saved me 900 miles of driving with savings in gas usage, less carbon emissions and less stress! One must apply early to get reservations for car and passengers on it. It serves to show what railroads can do if given the opportunity to provide a better, cheaper service. Build a better mousetrap and the people will buy it!

If Al Gore is right about environmental problems, time is of the essence.. Your taking an interest in the rapid completion of the Environmental Statement relative to the CN-GT Rys. acquisition of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railroad would be a decisive move in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and interest in my request.

Sincerely,


Frank Morrissey