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

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Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Freight rail congestion has become unmanageable throughout the entire region. CN Railway is spear-heading an effort to address this problem. They have proposed to re-direct a portion of their freight traffic to a segment of the EJ&E line. This makes sense and is a step in the right direction. CN requires your approval for the purchase of the track and I urge you comply.

I am retired and have been living in Oak Lawn for 32 years. I encounter the most delays when going to visit my daughter. I get stuck at train crossings - particularly at 103rd and Central - and I make a point of avoiding the particular times that the trains are there. Either I take an alternate route (which uses more gas) or I may be in time to avoid them. There are occasions when I have been stuck waiting for a train to pass for up to 40 minutes.

Fuel is becoming too precious a commodity to be wasted so readily. Delays disrupt people's lives and certainly the freight trains would be operating with a greater degree of efficiency if they were not obliged to line up after each other at bottle-necks throughout the area. Please provide your approval for this common sense solution. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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