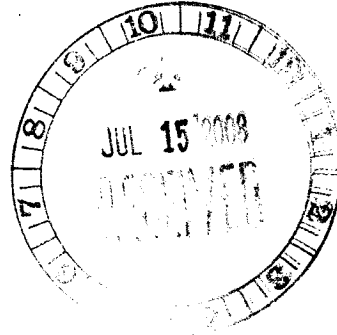


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

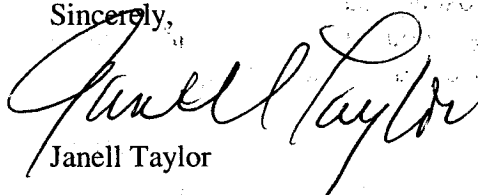
I am writing in regards to CN's proposed acquisition of a major section of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern rail line. If given the appropriate approval, CN will be able to utilize these underused tracks by redirecting many freight train routes off of the congested railways. This resourceful plan will improve the efficacy of freight trains and commuter travel in its entirety.

In South Holland, there is a railroad crossing that is located on 170th Street right by my granddaughter's old high school. Although she has since graduated, if she did not cross the track during a certain time, she would be late for school. There are also tracks in Dolton at 140th Street and Park Avenue which start backing up with a high volume of idle trains around 6 am and remain this way until around 10 am. Through the main part of the day, it begins to subside, but it picks back up again between 8 and 9 pm and creates multiple traffic delays through the night. Backups of 15 minutes to half an hour are not uncommon. To say that this is an inconvenience is an understatement.

Also, I try to take alternate routes; however, it depends on where I am going. Sometimes, it is not worth it for me to take an alternate route as the traffic will be just as bad as my original route. Nonetheless, when I do travel varied routes, I must go several miles out of my way. Furthermore, turning around to take these routes sometimes proves to be fruitless because many times, you will hit the same train at different intersections.

As a resident of South Holland, I ask that you give your support and subsequent approval to this proposal. Please continue to help make improvements to our transportation system.

Sincerely,


Janell Taylor

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama