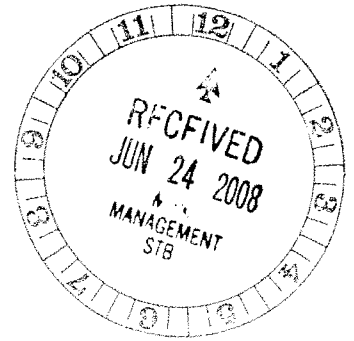


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN Railway has come up with a commendable plan for addressing the issue of freight train congestion in the Chicago area. As a result, I consider myself a strong supporter of their efforts to acquire a segment of EJ&E Railway.

The current pattern of freight train movement in this region is in desperate need of adjustment. Trains idling along city streets while blocking traffic are realities that occur far too often and make little sense. I have personally experienced what the stationary trains have created, as I habitually have to stop for long periods of time at the 159th Street crossing in South Holland on my way to the mall, ~~+~~ family

There is no reason why this needs to be the case. CN recognizes this, and is planning on redirecting a majority of this type of traffic to a line that would operate farther away from the city and its close-in suburbs. This would provide great relief to area residents, and also would allow trains carrying goods to operate at a much more efficient level.

I have lived in Hazel Crest for 16 years, so I can speak with quite a bit of authority on local issues. I hope that you will take what I have conveyed into account and approve CN's proposal. Our region will be greatly improved by it.

Sincerely,

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