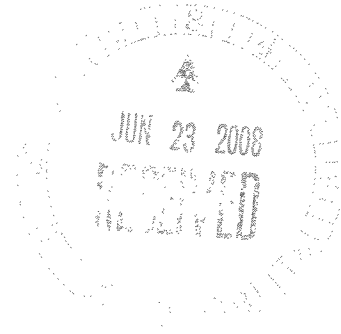


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As you may already know, CN has proposed to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. This would move most of the area's freight traffic to the south and west of Chicagoland. I support CN's efforts, and hope that their purchase is approved.

Speaking for myself, I can attest to the constant delays caused by the slow moving freight trains, and until I changed my travel route, I experienced delays every day that lasted as long as 30 minutes.

We need to cut down on the congestion in our community. I hope that you will see that too and grant permission to CN's plan.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Rider
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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky