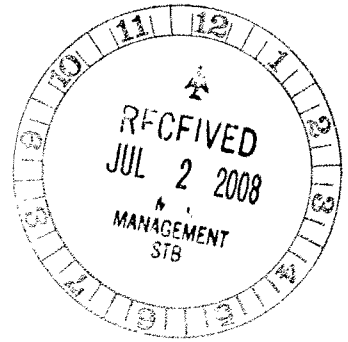


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Subject: *CN Railway Company/EJ&E*
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

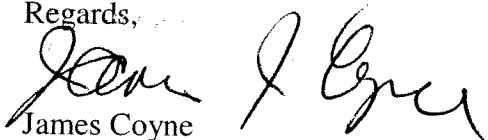
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Train congestion in Chicago is a serious issue, and we have to do something about it. CN has agreed to purchase the EJ&E line outside of Chicago; this will distribute our area's freight traffic in a more responsible way. This move, if approved by your agency, would produce a decrease in freight traffic passing through Chicago. Due to this commendable goal, I strongly support CN's plan.

When I used to work at Melrose Park, I would always get stuck at the River Road crossing. In the mornings, there were usually pretty long freight trains, lengthening my commute by an additional 10 minutes. My experience is just one illustration of how our rail system needs modernization. Since CN is willing to provide this through its re-routing plans, its proposal should be approved.

CN's plan is an alternative that can be put into place now, and will help with the problem. Please support CN's acquisition. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,


James Coyne

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Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky