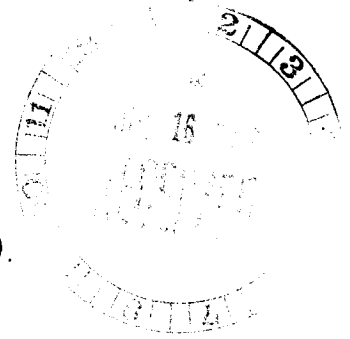


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Unless CN's proposal to acquire a major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway is approved, railway congestion will continue to be a serious problem for many residents of the Chicago area.

The railway congestion experienced throughout the Chicago area has not only caused delays for residents, but could prove to be a long-term problem for the economy and the environment as well. Currently, it can take 24 hours for a freight train to pass through the city of Chicago alone. A large portion of this time is spent idling, adding pollutants into the air and increasing the amount of fuel and costs needed to transport goods. Unless the problems surrounding railway congestion are addressed soon, studies predict that Chicago will lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years.

If CN is able to purchase part of the EJ&E Railway, much of the freight traffic will be relocated to this line, which is farther away from the heavily populated towns in the region. This would greatly increase the efficiency of transporting goods via freight train. For these reasons, I ask that you approve CN's approach to reducing freight congestion in the area.

Sincerely,

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Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis