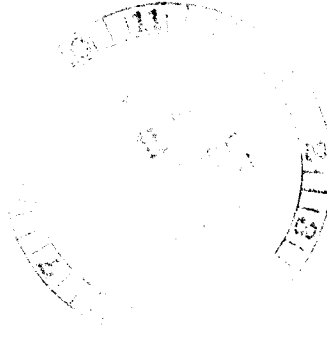


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The slow pace at which freight trains pass through the Chicago area constitutes an inefficient method of operations. CN has recognized this fact and plans to rectify the situation by rerouting freight traffic to an alternate rail line along the outer environs of the greater Chicago area. This plan will require your approval of the proposed purchase of part of the EJ&E line before it can be put into action, and I sincerely hope you will not hesitate to approve the acquisition for the sake of Chicago's residents.

I have lived in River Grove for 42 years. I currently live near the Cumberland Avenue crossing and am often delayed at that crossing each time I travel from home. Sometimes, I count the cars while sitting there and they generally number 70-80 and the delays last anywhere from 15-30 minutes. These delays have caused a multitude of problems for the residents. Fortunately, the frequency of trains coming through this area and the wait times could be significantly reduced if CN's plan were adopted. I urge to please approve this purchase. Thank you.

Regards,

John Blum

A handwritten signature of John Blum in cursive script.