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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087

Secretary Quinlan:

CN has indicated that it wants to buy another railroad, the EJ&E, in order to reduce the amount of freight slowdowns across Chicagoland. This would certainly help as there is plenty of train congestion in the Chicagoland area, both with trains and with trucks today as we come and go in the area, wasting gas that is getting harder to afford. Here we see that a private company is willing to put a lot of money into something that can have a noticeable improvement for all motorists in the Chicago area, out of their pocket, not my family's. Please keep in mind the concerns of families like mine, as we look to find bright spots in our future, and even better, if they will not result in higher taxes to us.

Especially now, where we seem to lose half our weekly income at the gas pumps, our nation needs to recognize that railroads make the best use of our fossil fuels as they provide transportation services for all the companies that in turn rely on them. It is encouraging to see CN make this investment on their own, and I encourage you to please complete your work and make this transaction happen as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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