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RE STB Finance Docket # 35087 Proposed CN acquisition of EJ&E

Ms Johnson-Ball

I attended the Chicago presentation January 22, and from information gathered there and other sources I would like to enter my support of the acquisition for these reasons.

This proposed plan of the CN to acquire the EJ&E to help alleviate freight train congestion and speed the flow of freight trains in the Chicagoland area will help the area economy. This plan will eventually help alleviate railroad congestion for future growth of additional commuter trains which also help stimulate the local economy. And the fact a private enterprise is willing to make this investment in lieu of taxpayers having to pay for this long overdue improvement further helps our economy.

Tom Lawson

cc Jim Kvedaras, Sr Mgr Government & Public Affairs, CN

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