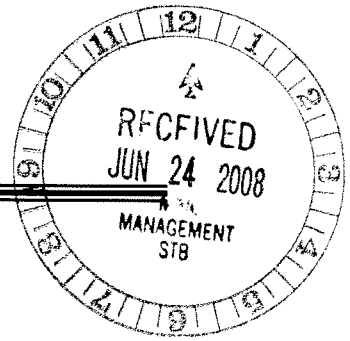


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have been living in the Chicago region for most of my life. I have noticed that moving around this area has become very difficult because of the massive amount of freight trains that block traffic. Fortunately, CN has a proposal to acquire the EJ&E rail line. CN plans on reducing the train congestion problem if this purchase goes through, and I support them in this endeavor.

Any time I go toward South Holland, I always get stopped by a train. The trains are not supposed to make crossing wait times over 10 minutes, but they frequently run as long as 30 minutes anyway. I actually switched banks because whenever I'd go to cash a check it would at least take 25 minutes to do so. My breaking point was when it started to take 45 minutes just to get to my bank. That was ridiculous.

The train congestion causes other difficulties in the Chicago community. The abundant freight traffic forces commuters to waste their fuel, idling at the blocked crossings. In this day and age, it is very important to be energy efficient. Another problem is that I live about 3 blocks away from the railroad, and sometimes the trains blare their horns early in the morning.

As you can see, the abundant freight traffic is a huge issue that needs to be resolved. How can this community flourish if this problem is not addressed? Please approve CN's acquisition so that train congestion in the Chicago region will no longer be a problem.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama