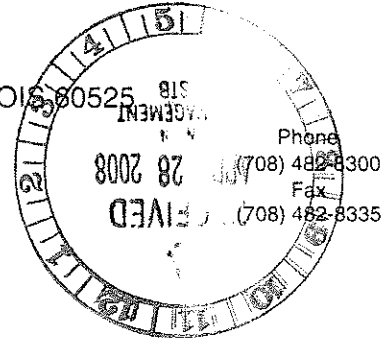


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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—EJ&E West Company

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

This letter is to notify you that the Township of Lyons is in full support of the CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E. Our township is located in west Cook County, Illinois, and has a population of approximately 109,264 residents.

As you are well aware, the Chicago region is congested with freight and this transaction will help move freight rail traffic more efficiently, clearing up congestion in densely populated and developed areas. With freight traffic expected to increase over the coming years, we need to improve and expand our rail system to accommodate this growing traffic. While CREATE was considered a solution to the region's freight traffic problems, that program mainly depends on public funds and it remains underfunded. CN will be contributing to a regional solution that will be funded with private dollars.

I ask the STB to look at the overall region and the benefits that will be derived from this transaction when making its decision.

Thank you for considering the Township of Lyons' comments.

Sincerely,


Pat Rogers
Lyons Township Supervisor

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