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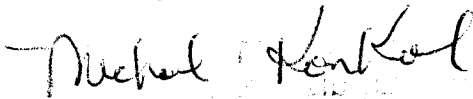
Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Having to hear trains at all hours of the day and night, in addition to breathing in the pollution that they emit, is something I would not wish upon my worst enemy. Regrettably, though, this is the reality for many South Holland residents. Although I am fortunate enough to not live so close to train tracks, I know that the slow movement of trains is an irritation, to say the least, for many residents in this community.

It is a very positive sign that CN Railway is seeking to do something about this. Armed with support from our mayor and other officials in surrounding communities, CN is seeking to acquire a line currently owned by EJ&E Railway. With this new capacity, CN would proceed to re-route much of the current traffic away from our heavily-populated communities and toward the outskirts of the Chicago metropolitan area. This would not change the destinations for these trains, but would simply allow them to get there with fewer impediments, and therefore, less of a need to idle. In short, many parties would benefit with this transaction. There is not much reason for you not to give it your approval.

Sincerely,



Michael Konkol