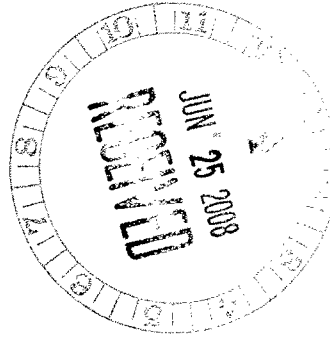


June, 19, 2008

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RE: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a proud employee of CN. I have been a railroader for 38 years and also have lived in the State of Illinois all of my life.

As you know, CN is seeking STB approval of its proposed acquisition of a major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E), so that we can provide more efficient service to our customers by traveling over a less congested, existing rail line rather than going through downtown Chicago.

I firmly believe this transaction will benefit more people than it will hurt. With the rising cost of fuel to the trucking industries, which is passed on to the businesses and then to the consumers, rail would be more economical. If the industries can save **money** and **time** hopefully this will save jobs and the savings cut increasing prices. Traffic congestion in Chicago cause deliveries to be delayed which increase costs, which in turn are passed on to the consumers.

I know that the STB has been studying for several months the environmental impacts of the transaction on the communities along the EJ&E line that will experience train traffic increases as a result of the transaction. As the STB undertakes this analysis, however, I ask that you also keep in mind the broader transportation benefits that this transaction will bring, not only to the many communities that will experience train traffic decreases but also to the Chicagoland region as a whole, as rail congestion in the urban core is reduced.

This transaction makes good sense for the Chicago region, for rail shippers and for CN. I urge the STB to approve this transaction as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Blogg".

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