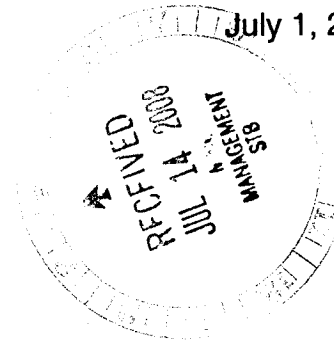


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to ask for your support for CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. This acquisition is the first step in their plan to relieve the railway congestion, which includes re-routing of some of the line's freight traffic off of Chicago's overcrowded railways and onto this underused rail line that runs through the outskirts of the Chicago metropolitan area.

As a former railroad worker with almost 30 years worth of experience and as a resident of the Chicago area, I can see this issue clearly from both perspectives. Trains are not easy to operate, but they provide a reasonable financial solution to the costs involved in shipping goods across the country. However, trains are big and often slow, hard to stop and hard to get going again once they have been stopped. CN's plan is a good solution that would make use of more open railways, allowing the trains to get where they need to go in a more efficient manner and would also give a break to local residents who are tired of getting stuck at crossings while waiting for yet another freight train to pass.

As you can see, this is a problem that is in need of a solution. I urge you to consider this situation carefully and do what you can to support CN's plan. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick M. Vichio'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nick Vichio