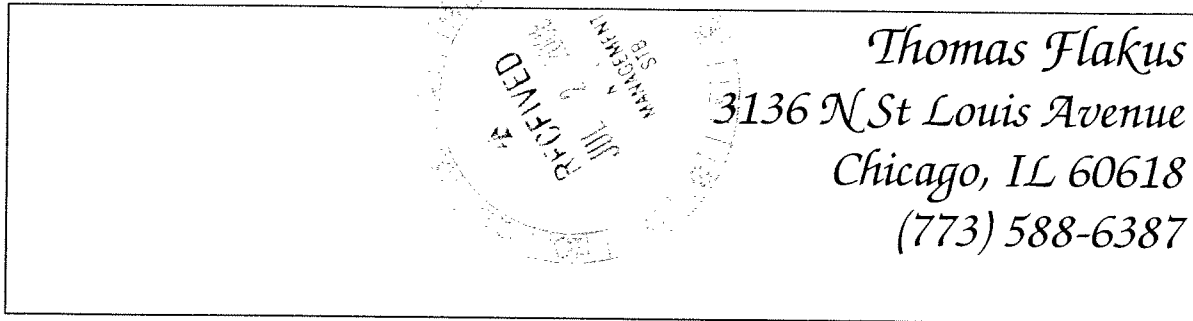




May 30, 2008

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

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I feel certain that mine is only one voice of many raised in support of CN's proposed acquisition of part of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. This transaction will bring significant benefits to the residents of Chicago.

As a truck driver and long time resident of this area, I often experience delays due to the terrible railway congestion. The traffic caused by freight trains is particularly tough in East Chicago and at the Harlem Avenue crossing. It is so bad that I have found myself waiting as long as 45 minutes for freight trains to pass. In my line of work, as with freight trains, keeping the flow of traffic going is important. A late delivery could cost the company money and add to the length of my day.

If CN is able to go through with this transaction, much of the freight traffic that is currently causing problems will be redirected outside of the city. This will greatly improve Chicago's railways and decrease the delays caused by trains at crossings. For these reasons, I strongly encourage you to approve CN's proposal to acquire part of the EJ&E Railway.

Sincerely,

Thomas Flakus

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez