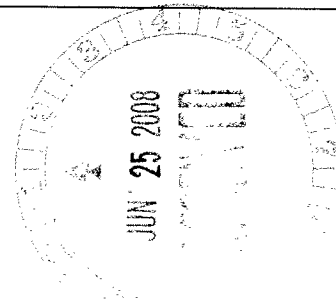


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Maintaining a growing economy for the future is an objective that citizens and policymakers alike share. A main component of keeping the Chicago economy competitive is assuring that our transportation network operates in an efficient manner.

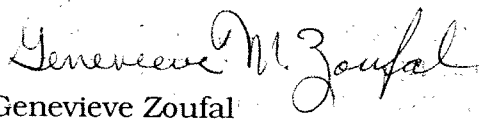
As of now, though, it is hard to say that this is the case. Rail traffic, a large piece of the transportation puzzle, has been inhibited by limited infrastructure. In short, there are not enough operative tracks for the high number of trains to travel over in a steady fashion. The system is so plodding that currently it can take 24 full hours for a freight train just to travel through the city alone. There is little reason for this level of slowness, and not much justification for doing nothing about it.

Fortunately, CN Railway has come along just at the right time. Their plan to acquire a portion of EJ&E Railway, and then divert a good deal of freight traffic to a line that circles the Chicago area would allow freight trains to travel at a better pace. This means that goods would get to their destinations more quickly, thereby avoiding unnecessary congestion-induced economic woes.

Moreover, CN's plan would have beneficial effects for residents of towns such as River Forest. Right now, train traffic is such a constant feature of our lives that we have become accustomed to rail cars operating late at night and early in the morning. Reducing this type of annoyance would be an added benefit to residents.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage you to approve CN's proposal. Its completion will produce a variety of benefits to the citizens. Thank you for your time and anticipated support.

Yours Truly,


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