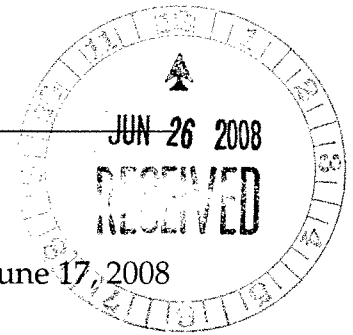


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Long and frequent waits at railroad crossings have sadly become an expected part of life here in the Chicago region. As someone who is on a school bus daily, I have firsthand knowledge of the inconveniences caused by freight trains. Thankfully, CN plans to reduce the number of trains passing through Bridgeview. CN plans to acquire a portion of EJ&E Railway and divert freight trains to a route that orbits the greater Chicago area.

I work as an aide on a school bus, and although the delays at crossings may seem short at 10-15 minutes each, they happen weekly, so the time quickly adds up. It is possible, of course, that such a circumstance could end up becoming less of an inconvenience, and more of a serious situation. If one of the children becomes in need of immediate attention, for instance, it is uncertain if we could get him or her to the appropriate person in a timely fashion. This is clearly a safety issue that needs to be addressed.

If CN is able to acquire this portion of railway, many of these freight trains can be redirected to an under-utilized rail-line which would relieve the problems caused by railway congestion we experience in Bridgeview. Please help us avoid these types of delays by approving CN's plan to reduce train congestion in our area. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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