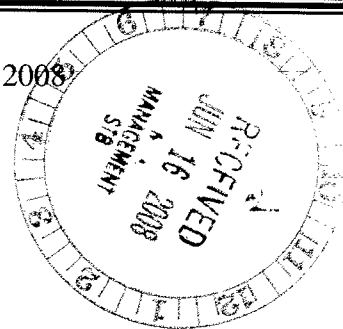


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in support of the proposed acquisition of a portion of EJ&E by CN railway. I strongly believe that this will substantially reduce the rail congestion that plagues the area.

This is an issue which affects me personally. I encounter the waits caused by train congestion five or six times per week. I sometimes sit in traffic for 30-45 minutes, either at a time or on a single trip. For all this wasted time, I can only imagine the combined loss in productivity of those who live in the area.

This acquisition, if granted approval, would result in fewer freight trains trying to come through, as CN would be able to put many freight trains on less congested tracks to the south and west of this area. Freight would be efficiently hauled, while communities like ours, which have dealt with the problem of rail congestion, would see positive and important changes in terms of reduced noise, traffic, and pollution.

I urge you to approve the proposed change. Thank you for your attention to this very relevant matter.

Sincerely, *John Willis*

John Willis

cc: Senator Dick Durbin

Senator Barack Obama

Congressman Bobby L. Rush