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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I No review of alternatives to the deal, including create
Failure assess taxpayer investment in expensive mitigation funding as the base for a pie
in the sky mitigation scheme. The DEIS provides contradictory
conclusions as it relates to interference with other railroads
and commuter service. The EJ&E freight capacity examination
is based on CN's operating plan rather than a full
Right-of-way capacity review thereby minimizing the
potential for increases in freight traffic beyond what CN
will now tell us. The benefit to the current CN line communities
is accepted at face value with no long term guarantees.
Benefits to the region are not outlined, so CN's
contentions are accepted without proof. Unsubstantiated and
unsourced data leaves the public with no understanding of
whether any of the analysis is valid because much of it
can't be vetted. The STB mistakenly assumes that impacted
communities know what can (should be) mitigated and that they
actually have negotiating power against CN. The DEIS
fails to look broadly at indirect & cumulative effects beyond
the region. We are given false assurances on the Metra
STAR line that can't be backed up by the reality of
of CN's operating plan. Current METRA service will
likely be disrupted but the DEIS minimizes this. ~~At the~~ The list
of substantially affected grade crossings is fatally flawed
because vehicle counts are wrong.

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