

September 13, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that if Canadian National is allowed to purchase the EJ&E railroad the safety and quality of life in the New Lenox area will be in great jeopardy. New Lenox will literally be cut in half; ambulances, fire equipment and school buses will be unable to reach a majority of the homes when they are needed. The southern portion of our town would be cut off from the retail and medical facilities. The projected 20 minutes crossing delays could definitely be deadly for anyone seeking immediate medical attention at the hospital.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and please vote NO to the CN.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Rych".

Reginald Rych