



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

This is not good!

*This proposal is all about taking away!
Living in a community is about giving
and taking for the continued growth
and prosperity of that area.*

*Traffic back up because of increased
trucks using one track thru the
intersection of Division Street.
is not reality*

*Then we get the whistle blow as
a bonus.*

*I really don't understand how in
this day & age this is a
good plan!*

Surface Transportation Board
CN-EJ&E EIS FD-35087

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What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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Dear Heritage Lake Homeowners

You may have read in the paper about the Canadian National Railway wanting to buy the EJ&E rail line. There was a presentation given by the Surface Transportation Board of Washington D.C. on January 10th that Edith Gilson and I Susan Kroll attended. This was a fact finding mission for them to find out what the concerns of the community were, and to present what level of traffic that we would be seeing with the new line.

The first thing that I can tell you is that the amount of trains that we should expect to see is about 42.6 trains a day. This is an increase from the current 18 that we have now. So with that in mind we would appreciate it if you would take the time to write a short letter to the Surface Transportation board.

Some of our concerns should be that emergency equipment might not be able to get to us in a timely fashion if there is a train going through. What if an ambulance or a fire truck should be on the other side of the crossing waiting for the train to go past which we all know could be anywhere from 2 minutes to 15; just think how 15 minutes in an emergency could affect your life.

Of course traffic is another concern; just day to day normal traffic will be horrible with that many trains.

Other concerns that were presented that evening would be how school buses will be impacted; will they have to put in another rail line to accommodate all those trains: could the shopping at our mall be down so much that stores are forced to close. Our crossings will be in much worse condition then they already are, although that won't take much since they are already in deplorable condition.

Another concern is what will they be hauling through here? A coal spill is one thing, a toxic chemical spill is something else and Canadian National Railway does handle trains that do haul various chemicals. And let's not forget the little thing about noise; we all know that some of the engineers really lay on the whistle. Do we really need 42.6 trains a day announcing their arrival? Plus just the noise of the train rumbling through is enough to make you want to keep the windows closed on the nicest day.

Please we need your help to let Washington know that we are not in favor of this going through. We would be much better off with the Star commuter line that was proposed not to long ago. That would help our property values by connecting us to the Northern suburbs where as this Canadian National Rail line will probably bring the value down.

Just think what kind of impact this will have on our neighborhood, so please take a moment to write down your thoughts and send them to Washington. This has to be received by February 1, 2008.

There is also a web site where you can see more information and make a comment www.stb.dot.gov. It asks to refer to docket number 35087 when making a comment under the E-filing.

Our state representatives are Tom Cross tom@tomcross.com and Judy Biggert judy@biggert.com these are their e-mail addresses. Remember they are supposed to be working on our behalf, so send them your concerns about the Canadian National Railway purchase.

Your Homeowners Association Board

Stamp and mail this comment page or return it to Edith Gilson 3305 Kasey Ct

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