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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?

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- **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.

After looking at all the information I cannot see where this acquisition would be of any benefit to West Chicago. It appears to only benefit the people who own CN and those communities within the arc who would have a decrease in the number of trains.

After looking at this proposal, my main concerns are:

1) The increased number of trains through West Chicago with the attendant noise and delays at crossings - and the increased pollution in the air.

2) The increased number of trains going by the West Chicago Prairie, recently designated by the State of Illinois as a special area - with highest protection - a State Nature Preserve.

* This prairie has several endangered species of plants and animals.

3) The tracks are near schools and many students must cross over the at grade crossings. This is very scary.

4) If CN takes over, the proposed STAR line would not be a going concern. CN says the STAR line cannot use the tracks. They say new tracks would be paid for the STAR line. However, funding is difficult even with an existing track, and would be probably impossible with a new track. The STAR line is such an environmentally friendly concept, it's disheartening to think it would be "derailed" in a private, foreign country.

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

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5) Increased hazardous material cars would be dangerous for our community.