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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 originally attended the preliminary meeting of the STB and submitted letters identifying concerns shared by other members of my community regarding this issue. At that point, I was hopeful that the STB might actually take some of these concerns seriously as they conducted the environmental impact study. It seems like I was naive; that the STB might look beyond the desires of a huge corporation to make significant profits at the expense of destroying entire communities. Grade separation was recommended for the crossing at Route 59 while ignoring the major intersections at Lake Cook Rd and Route 14. Access to Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington High School, Barrington Middle & Elementary Schools just to mention a few will be affected. Creation of the STAR line, which would be impossible was completely overlooked. We were originally told by members of the STB that a typical study of this nature would take at least one year or possibly more. Yet the STB was able to come to a conclusion in a few short months. Obviously this was done as US Steel is prepared to walk from the table if the deal is not ~~un~~concluded by Dec 08. The pressure is on the "rush" the study through and to rubber stamp this deal at the expense of the involved communities. Perhaps that's why data on traffic patterns was gathered during the summer.

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months when traffic flow is generally lighter as school is not in session and people are on vacation. I hope that the STB will take more seriously the issues raised at the meeting today and incorporate them into their final draft. Maybe then, the concerns of "we the people" might actually carry equal weight with and counterbalance the power of a Goliath ~~ss~~ that seeks to crush us in the name of corporate profits.

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