

September 17, 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, Illinois, 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 Canadian National 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 three miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delay.

I strongly object that a foreign company should be allowed to interfere with our domestic shipping and causing the loss of American jobs. That federal, state and local funds would be needed to mitigate the adverse impact to our crossings, to the advantage of a foreign company. This transaction holds no benefit for New Lenox, only disadvantages. Because freight would be off loaded in a foreign port, the United States of American would not have control on what is being shipped over rail lines located in the United States, including hazardous materials and terrorist supplies.

The next question I have is Canadian National Railroad safety record? According to a 2005 Canadian Government Report that audited Canadian National Railroad operation, 54% of CN locomotives, 50% of its train brakes and 26% of the CN maintained crossings were found to be defective. CN received the lowest grade level possible on implementing safety management systems. Do we want this kind of foreign company hauling uninspected (by the United States) freight through New Lenox? I don't think so.

Please take my concern into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the foreign company, Canadian National Railroad.

Sincerely,



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