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Environmental Impact Statement



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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 am extremely disappointed with the STB's DEIS. It is evident that the sole intent was to approve this deal despite the cost to tax payers of the safety of our transportation.

Given the current ~~mitigation~~ mitigation expense structure, any and all suspensions will be rendered moot due to a bulk of funds in IL. With an acquisition cost of 300mil to CN. And a proposed mitigation cost to IL taxpayers of 600-900 mil this deal is absurd in it cost to taxpayers. Apparently you can put a price on safety and congestion.

Also, there were absolutely no alternatives to this acquisition offered by the STB. Freight traffic and mass transit are real problems that need real solutions. Not just band aids. I thought this agency would take a broad view to the long term impact, but that did not happen.

Overall, the DEIS was totally flawed in too many areas to list on 1 pg. I truly hope that the final DEIS takes into account the real financial impact of this deal to the effected communities as well as the IL taxpayers.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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