



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

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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.
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- 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.

Allowing CN to purchase the EJS+E railway and increase the number of trains on this line is a VERY BAD IDEA! We should be looking at ways to decrease the number of trains through Barrington and the other municipalities along the EJS+E line, not increase the trains. Here are the facts:

- 1) Barrington is a community where 2 rail lines cross over major roads. (Route 59, Northwest Hwy, and Lake Cook Rd.)
- 2) Both of these rail lines intersect in downtown Barrington, which covers a very small geographical area.
- 3) Traffic is already horrific in Barrington during rush hour, and more trains will make it come to a standstill. This is not just local traffic either because Barrington is the crossroad for people travelling E/W from Cong. Arlington, etc and N/S from I90/Lake Zurich.
- 4) Increased traffic will cause serious safety issues. Emergency vehicles will be stuck behind freight trains for 5 minutes or more. Deaths will occur due to traffic delays caused by freight trains.
- 5) Increased train traffic will adversely affect wildlife in Cuba Marsh + Citizens Park.
- 6) Obviously, pollution and noise will increase and significantly lower the quality of life in our community. Not to mention the increased risk in accidents involving toxic materials.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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* The Cons far outweigh the Pros.

There are no valid reasons for approving this proposal. Save our city!!

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