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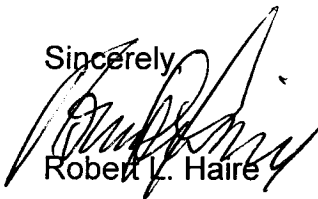
RE: STB Docket number 35087

Dear Ms. Rutson:

We are residents of Hawthorn Woods and we strongly oppose the proposed purchase of EJ & E by Canadian National Railroad. The traffic delays will only increase and cause delays in emergency vehicles & personnel reaching the emergency site / victim. We are a residential community so additional commerce would harm the environment with noise and air pollution. Traffic would be at a standstill burning precious fuel which is not only costly but also environmentally backward. The safety concerns for our community / children will be significantly greater by the increase in train traffic. We point out that a Church with attached grade school and Community Park are adjacent to one of the Railroad Crossings.

Please take all of our concerns into consideration and do NOT approve the proposed purchase.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Haire



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