

August 19, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket #35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

This letter is written to express our concerns as residents of Frankfort to deny the acquisition of the Canadian National Railway increase in train traffic on the Frankfort tracks. The potential environmental impacts to both human and natural environment that could result from such proposal acquisition are companied to the environmental impacts of continuing rail operations on the EJ&E rail line and the five CN rail lines that feeds into Chicago.

Therefore, this would increase the volume of freight rail traffic along the EJ&E rail line, with a corresponding decrease in the volume of freight rail traffic along the CN rail lines. The increase in rail traffic along the EJ&E rail line would result in increases in:

- Delays at highway/rail at-grade crossings, including delays of school buses and emergency vehicles
- Levels of noise and vibration
- Risk of train accidents
- Air pollutant emissions
- Energy use

Residents along the EJ&E rail line would also have an increased risk of exposure to hazardous materials should an accident occur resulting in a release of such materials. Property values could decrease somewhat for residences adjacent to the EJ&E rail line. These measures would reduce emergency vehicle delays, levels of noise and vibration, and the risk of accidents.

We are denying such acquisition and ask that you try to vision yourself living near the tracks, losing value of what is your retirement investment, having such trains running continuously, praying no accidents, occur, noise and the vibration that may destroy the foundation of your home. I know you personally would feel the same as all residents affective by this.

Sincerely,



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cc: Village of Frankfort, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, IL 60423