

My Comments regarding the Proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, and Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket Number. 35087.

My Father and I did attend the meeting in Barrington, Illinois regarding the E.J.&E Railway and Canadian National Railway situation. We are now attending again today, Wednesday-8-27-2008.

These are some of my concerns and objections to the Canadian National Railway acquisition regarding the E.J.&E Railway that we are now reiterating for the third time.

1. Safety for the people of Barrington and the surrounding areas. Ambulances, police cars, and fire trucks need to have immediate access to all streets and be able to reach an Important Destination within a certain time period. When someone is in an Ambulance waiting to get to the Hospital for care, and their situation is critical they need to get to the Hospital as quickly as possible. The same can be said regarding Fire Trucks. When they need to get to a fire, every moment counts and the same with our police, a crime is taking place across the town, the police need to get there right away!
We do not need 20 to 26 extra trains getting in the way!
2. Our town of Barrington is already so congested with traffic from cars, trucks the school bus traffic. There have been more homes built in this area, and more and more people are moving in this vicinity, the traffic is just getting worse and worse.
We have two sets of Rail Road tracks for the Chicago Metra!
This sets us back enough as it is! If you add more trains going through Barrington and the surrounding towns, this will really cause major problems! Again, we do not need 20 to 26 extra trains on the (EJ&E) Elgin, and Joliet and Eastern Railway getting in the way!
3. This also affects our small business companies in our town and it affects our economy. If people cannot get through our town quickly enough, they will say "Forget This!" and not bother trying to shop in our town of Barrington! The small business companies and shops will close because of poor turn out or not enough customers! This also affects our taxes in our town!

4. There is the concern for the safety of our children in our town of Barrington. EJ&E goes right by our District 220 High School and our Bus Company. Children need to cross the tracks to get home. Now you are going to add these extra trains on the (EJ&E)?! I am sorry, but this is Not a good idea.
5. There are a lot of homes and residents that live right next to the (EJ&E) rail road tracks in these homes. It is bad enough for them with the trains that already do come through our town. This will make it even worse for them!
6. There is also the concern for the structure of these fine homes that have been here for so many years. Some of these homes are built with cinder blocks. The residents of these homes do not want their houses to be shaken apart by the extra trains coming through here.

Please place yourself in these situations, and ask yourself,
"Would I want this to take place in my own neighborhood?"
Would I want to go through these situations? I do not think that you would.
Please empathize and identify with this situation.
Please, No More Extra Trains!
We have enough problems as it is!

I sincerely thank you.

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