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Surface Transportation Board
Phyllis Johnson-Ball
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball;

I am writing to you in **opposition** of the proposed Canadian National RR acquisition of the E,J&E RR.

As a resident raising a family in Lake Zurich, IL, the above proposed acquisition is **BAD BUSINESS** for Lake Zurich and will bring **NOTHING POSITIVE** to my community.

This acquisition will bombard our quiet residential neighborhoods and school properties in District 95 with increased noise and vibrations from dramatically increased train traffic.

Community School District 95 busses cross the Village's at grade train tracks 233 times per day and increased train traffic will dramatically impact transportation of students and the added trains will increase potential train/school bus conflicts.

Lake Zurich High School & May Whitney Elementary School directly abut the existing railroad tracks thereby presenting a hazard to students that will cross the tracks despite the danger and warning signs. Many of the classrooms are within a few hundred yards of **hazardous rail cargo**.

The long planned and much needed commuter rail service STAR Line, is slated to use the EJ&E tracks which would decrease the amount of carbon emissions by reducing automobile traffic. The acquisition will jeopardize this.

This acquisition is a **LOSE - LOSE** proposition for Lake Zurich. I strongly urge to stop this **HARMFUL** acquisition. Please do the right thing for the sake of our children.

I look forward to hearing you also oppose this acquisition.

Regards,


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