



Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: August 28/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

My name is Robert Allen and I am a resident of Barrington and work at the Allstate Insurance company in a senior leadership capacity. My wife and I both commute to work and purposely relocated to Barrington for the quality of life, excellent schools and recreational activities available to start a family. The proposed E5/E6 acquisition by CN Railway and the proposed and emerging negative consequences have made us question our long-term commitment to the Barrington area. The impact to commuter traffic in the past 30 days has provided insight into the growing concern we have with the heavily utilized metro and highway routes. In addition, after reading the environmental impact report, the long-term proposals by CN of utilizing this line post 2015 and serving as a high capacity segment will only further deteriorate the quality of life and safety for children. The mitigation strategies proposed have not provided any reassurance that proper safety measures have been considered. Lastly, this proposal appears ~~negligence~~ negligent with respect to the nature and wide-ranging negative impact. More time is needed to judge the long-term consequences - a rush to judgment is not warranted. Thank you

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