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Wicklow Village Town Home Condominium Association

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Attention: Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Sale of the EJ&E railroad to CN

On behalf of our Condominium Association of 52 units, this letter expressing our concern regarding the planned sale of the EJ&E railroad to the CN Railway is being submitted.

The association has three primary concerns: 1) the potential impact of increased rail traffic at grade crossings on the delivery of emergency services by motor vehicle; 2) the potential for rail traffic at grade crossings to delay the transit time for many of our employed residents to and from their places of employment; and, 3) the increased frequency and duration of noise that would occur with the anticipated increase in the number of trains per day and the length of such trains.

Anyone driving to or from our property from or to locations south of the EJ&E road must either negotiate a grade crossing (Old McHenry Road, Oakwood Road, Main Street, and Old Rand Road) or travel an additional distance to avoid a grade crossing. Of course, unless one encounters rail traffic one is never certain of the best path to take. This means that the anticipated increase in rail traffic would place time-sensitive emergency services at increased risk of significant delays -- a situation to which we must object. Delays in personal commute, while a nuisance, are of concern, but less threatening.

We are also concerned about the potential environmental impact of the sale and expected increased rail traffic. The distance of our buildings from the rail right-of-way varies from an estimate of 300- to 500 yards. While this distance permits significant attenuation of the noise of the engines and rolling stock on the tracks it is very noticeable and has been previously reported by some of our owners as impairing sleep. The probable increase in the amount of daily acoustic pollution, not even considering the exhaust position of the engines, is of concern.

In summary, the Wicklow Village Town Home Association believes that the sale should not proceed without a thorough study of and attention to the issues cited, above.

Respectfully submitted,

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