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Rail Customer and  
Public Assistance

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Issue Type: \* |-----|  
| ☐ New US Railroad Issue |  
| ☒ Feedback |  
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Region: \* |-----| Commodity:  
| ☒ Midwest |  
| ☐ Northeast |  
| ☐ South |  
| ☐ West |  
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Issues |-----| Railroads Involved:  
: | ☐ Rail Service | Canadian National Railroad and Elgin,  
| ☐ Rate | Joliet, and Eastern Railway  
| Level/Increases | Location of Problem:  
| ☐ Car Supply | New Lenox  
| ☐ Demurrage | Name of Industry at Location:  
| Charges |  
| ☐ Fuel Surcharge | Serving Rail Carrier at Location:  
| ☐ Information |  
| Request | Dates Problem Occurred:  
| ☒ Other |  
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Comments:

Please consider this comment a letter of opposition to the acquisition of the E,J&E Railway by the CN. In these times of a questionable economy it should be fitting enough that big business has destroyed lives, taken people 's homes and have done more than their share to make things worse than they already are.

They should not be allowed to in addition steal the peace of mind of the residents of New Lenox and the several surrounding communities that would be affected by this acquisition. The safety of the residents of New Lenox is in question. I recently moved to this community as an end to the means of creating a better life for my children in a caring village that prides itself on the safety of its residents. This acquisition will hinder the village's abilities to provide adequate response times for emergency and medical services due to the exorbitant lengths of the trains that CN would be routing through the village. It would further dampen these abilities with the multiple crossings it would block as it ambled through our village so many more times a day than the trains presently run. It will cause congestion of traffic in a community that currently has no issues such as this. It could also potentially raise taxes in a time when any additional cost could have a devastating affect of many of this village's residents, increase the amounts of dangerous materials our children are exposed to and the noise could greatly affect our quality of life. Please do not allow this acquisition to go through as planned as the lives of the residents and children of New Lenox could depend on it.