

September 18, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk
Corporation-Control – EJ&E West Company
(STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

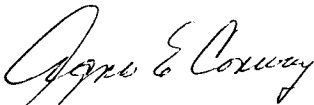
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of the City of Warrenville for 15+ years, and an owner of property that runs immediately adjacent to the railroad tracks, I am opposed to this proposed transaction.

- My home's walls and windows rattle each time a train goes by. Increasing the train traffic by 70% or more will make a tough situation really unbearable. I cannot leave windows open at night because the train noise wakes up anyone who is trying to sleep. Even with the windows closed, the noise can still be disruptive at its current levels, much less the proposed increase.
- Another concern is the transport of hazardous waste through our community. Within one mile of the tracks an elementary school and a park are located. When I moved here, I was concerned about the proximity to Fermi-lab's "ring", which is underground and constructed to ensure that radiation does not escape. Imagine my concern that hazardous waste will be moving through the community without such careful precautions.
- Residents along the EJ&E railroad have been waiting patiently for a quiet zone to be established. Several years of planning have already been devoted to this effort. The proposed transaction will completely upset those plans, and require the planning efforts to be restarted, with years of additional delay.

Please consider the severe impact on local residents health (hazardous waste, noise pollution) and quality of life when evaluating this transaction, and vote NO.

If the Board decides to allow the transaction to move forward, at least ensure that sound barriers (high walls like they use along expressways) are put in place BEFORE the rail traffic is allowed to increase. Making such an expenditure mandatory for the CNRC>CC will provide some protection from noise pollution for the current and future residents of the community, whose property is immediately adjacent to the tracks.



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