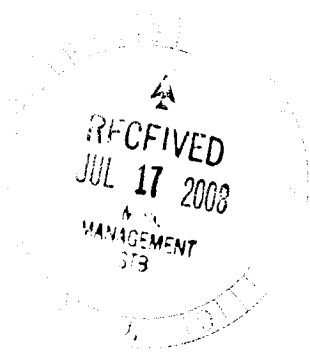


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July 8, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. State, SW
Washington, DC 20424

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



Dear Ms. Quinlan:

I am a resident of the Village of Wayne, Illinois 60184 through which the EJ & E rail line passes through. I wish to state my strong objection to the proposed purchase of the aforementioned rail line by the Canadian National Railway.

The impact of the proposed purchase are significant and need to be closely studied, once completed, as they will effect safety to the residents of Wayne as well as the surrounding communities. An EIS, Environment Impact Statement currently under way, will reveal that the road delays due to increased rail traffic in this area will significantly hamper or negate emergency response capabilities of fire, police and medical personnel. The proximity of the rail line to schools and the Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve will notably negatively impact the quality of life, if not life itself, in our area with increased noise pollution as well as the potential for hazardous waste accident events.

Specifics are an overall increase of rail traffic, and resultant noise plus vibration, over our main road streets from 4.4 trains per day to 24.4 trains per day. Within those railcars will be an increase of hazardous materials passing through the Village from 21.1 carloads per day to 265.5 carloads per day. The Village of Wayne's population is 100% dependent on private water wells so any hazardous materials' accidents jeopardize the safety of everyone in the community. We believe these facts, along with others not mentioned in this note, are neither reasonable nor acceptable.

I, along with my neighbors, stand opposed to this purchase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Booth".

Peter Booth
5N 258 White Thorn Road
Wayne, IL 60184

Cc: Hon. Barack Obama, Hon. Richard Durbin, Hon. Peter Roskam, IL-6, Hon. Melissa Bean, IL-8, Hon. Judy Biggert, IL-13, Hon. Bill Foster, IL-14, Hon. John Miller, Hon. Randy Ramey, Hon. Evan Bayh, Hon. Richard Lugar, Hon. Peter Visclosky, IN-1, President and Board of Trustees Village of Wayne.