



CN E&E

Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

I feel that allowing CN to acquire the EJE Railway is just wrong. Not just because of noise, traffic but just because of safety reasons. There are two schools located within less than 1/2 a mile of the tracks. If there were to be an accident with box cars carrying hazardous materials the effect on the 4 subdivisions of families living there would be more than just health related. The values of our homes would go down and our taxes have just gone up to support a fire station that is built on the wrong side of the tracks. They say that the train traffic would increase from 5-28 trains a day. How would police and fire protection get through to the four subdivisions while one of these 28 trains are blocking the main road to get to them, Not to mention how to the families get back and forth to Route 59 and the new improved downtown Bartlett? Who is going to pay the doctor bills for my kids when their allergies get worse because of all the diesel fuel being put into their environment from 28 trains passing blocks from their home. What if we had an incident last

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Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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summer with the police not being able to reach our home because a train was blocking West Bartlett Rd. We were at Kohler's field and our alarm went off at our home. The alarm Co. called us and we went straight home. It took us 5 min. to reach our home. It ended up being a false alarm but at the same time the Alarm Co. called me they also notified the police. It took the police 45 min from the time of the Alarm going off until the time they reached my home in the Westridge Subdivision. The reason for this is they were stuck at the tracks for over twenty ^{five} minutes by a train on West Bartlett Rd. Now that was just one of five how many times will this happen to people if there are

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28 trains going down those tracks? Unless they are planning on providing a bridge or some way for the people who live in West Bartlett to get around town this is just a bad idea!! There are no other routes to get to the Hospital that is the closest to our homes if an ambulance can't get to our homes.

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Thinks of the safety of all the children attending Nature Ridge, Shubert, South Elgin High, Kenyon Woods, and the schools in Wayne, South Elgin, Elgin and Bartlett if a train were to derail throwing hazardous gas into our air. NOT a good idea! This should not happen.