



Environmental Impact Statement



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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?

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- **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.

SEE ATTACHED

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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Date: 1-21-08

January 21, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding CN EJ&E environmental impact statement. I am a resident of Barrington, IL and would like to comment on the proposed acquisition of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway Company. From my understanding many freight trains will be coming through Barrington if the merger takes place. There is already substantial problems in the morning and evening whenever the crossing gates close it creates a back up and takes quite a while to clear after that. Since I have suffered a triple bypass heart attack the thought of me getting stuck on one side or the other of the train tracks and the thought of a 10-15 minute train going through seriously concerns me. The thought of my relatives suing the railroad, the village, or the federal government and collecting substantial rewards because of their permitting of this to go through still gives me no comfort. A substantial freight train like the ones described would probably close all three track crossings in Barrington. Barrington is a small town with approximately less than 10,000 people and for them to pay for an underpass to avoid this situation in at least one location would be extremely costly and I'm not certain as to how effective that would be. The ambulance would have to drive down the other side of the road and hope that no other oncoming traffic is there to get over to that bypass area. Another impact would be that the vast traffic would slow down the ability to get into the downtown area which is just now making a nice comeback from years of not having been a consumers paradise. For these reasons and countless more I am respectfully requesting that this merger not go through.

Sincerely,



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