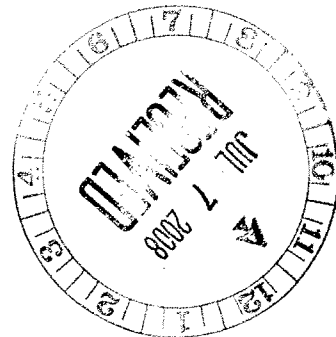


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



RE: STB Finance Docket Number 35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-
Control- EJ & E West Company

June 29, 2008

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Myself, and my family are residents of Wayne, Illinois through which the EJ & E line extends. We are writing to let you know of our very strong objection to the proposed purchase of the EJ & E West Company by the Canadian National Railway.

We are not in support of this purchase for several reasons. First of all, there would be an increase in trains from four to twenty four trains per day. Do you realize that is an increase of five hundred and fifty five percent? That is an astronomical increase, which could even be a potential health hazard. In addition, this could cause severe delays for all motor vehicles attempting to pass through the Village, including school buses transporting students to Wayne Elementary School. We presently have two sons that attend Wayne School, and know from all the previous years that our boys have ridden the bus to school that the bus routes are timed very close to the minute. There is just not extra time cushioned into the bus routes for lengthy time delays. It would not be beneficial for any of the children to be late to school.

Also, we have learned that the proposed acquisition would increase the daily carloads of hazardous material that moves through the Village from 21.1 carloads per day to 265.5 carloads per day. This concerns us because most of the residents of Wayne and businesses in the Village use water from private wells. My family's sole water source is from a private well, and we believe that this increase in the number of hazardous trains could increase potential accidents, which could affect our water. Not only could it affect our water, we are also concerned about potential accidents, as our sons attend the elementary school, which is less than one mile away from the railroad track. When you are a parent, one of your jobs is to ensure your child's safety and health. We try to minimize any potential risks. We do not support the purchase of the railroad, as that purchase is dramatically increasing the risks that are children could be in a harmful environment.

My wife and I are vehemently opposed to the railroad purchase. We are requesting sufficient time be allowed for proper preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement and that the Statement addresses the concerns raised. We are thankful for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Jim and Darcy Kearney
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Cc: Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Barack Obama, Congressman William Foster, State Senator John Millner, State Representative Randy Ramey, and Wayne Village Board