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Subject Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway comment

Mr. Navecky,

Please include my comments regarding the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway track purchase in the record.

I support the acquisition of the E,J, and ER tracks and their increased utilization. There are some valid concerns with regard to traffic and safety. Those important infrastructure issues must be addressed with additional over/underpasses, elimination of some grade crossings and train scheduling that accounts for the east/west road traffic volumes.

I believe that increased track utilization can be accommodated.

My office faces the affected tracks and in the 8 years and I deal with the tracks on a daily basis along with 4 RR crossings on my north/south commute.

In a time where fuel conservation is a topic vital to American society, utilizing the efficiency of train freight movement is an important part of the process.

In the past 40 years that I have lived in Illinois, I have seen many many railroad lines closed and torn up. The track alternatives that once existed outside the western suburbs for north/south train movement are gone.

Thanks,

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