

September 18, 2008

To: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket #35087

It is with great urgency that I, along with many neighbors and residents of New Lenox, IL, ask you please do not allow the acquisition of the E & E railway by the Canadian National Railway.

We are a small village with two (2) train tracks running east and west about 1 1/2 miles apart, both of which go right through the heart of our village of New Lenox and our neighbors to the east. To have a 400% increase in train traffic, as has been projected, travelling through our town is, simply put, so over-whelming, it would seem like a 12 year old bully bashing a helpless 6 year. On top of that, the railroad expects us to bear the cost of building over and under passes costing millions of dollars. This is a prohibitive

cost for the problem of easing traffic congestion through town. Our taxes are already at the breaking point for many, especially Senior citizens and older people living here 50 years or more.

And finally, these costs will cause a great financial hardship with nothing to gain, except maybe more pollution, while the perpetrators of this venture live in another country and could not care less about the people of New Lenox, IL.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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