



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?

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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.

I have reviewed all the material, plans, printed matter, etc. at your hearing in West Chicago. The end result is that I think this acquisition is one of the better things to happen to the railroad scene in Chicago area. I have a concern with your anticipation that trains may be 8,000 feet or longer. Such a train would be putting a terrific strain on equipment at the head end. A derailment or tieup could be catastrophic involving that much equipment. I have heard some real horror stories from trainmasters in Carwith Yard with even 100-125 car trains. Two or three years ago studies were being made on limiting freights to 70 cars which would more easily fit current facilities. Maybe it turned out then to not be viable or productive. Today? In summation it is commendable to see the EJ&E being planned to be used as it was chartered over 100 years ago. It has never been really used to capacity and it might be that its time has come.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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