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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.

THE PROPOSAL OF 20-25 TRAINS A DAY BY CANADIAN NATIONAL WOULD MEAN A TRAIN EVERY HOUR. THE SPOKESMAN FROM CANADIAN NAT'L SAID AT THE 1-9-08 OPEN HOUSE THAT THE TRAINS WOULD BE LONGER THAN THEY ARE NOW. THIS SOUNDS LIKE THERE WOULD BE A BIG BACKUP OF CARS WAITING TO CROSS THE TRACKS AT ALL TIMES. THE 2 BIGGEST PROBLEM AREAS WOULD BE THE ELA RD & R. CROSSING BETWEEN RAND (RTE 12) RD & CUBA RD. AND THE R. CROSSING ON CUBA RD BETWEEN ELA RD & OLD FARM RD. THE INTERSECTION OF OLD FARM RD AND CUBA RD IS THE ENTRANCE INTO OUR SUBDIVISION. OLD FARM RD IS THE FIRST STREET RIGHT NEXT TO THE TRACKS ON CUBA RD. OUR ADDRESS IS 21919 GREEN FOREST RD DEER PARK, IL 60010. THE TRAIN TRACKS ARE RIGHT BEHIND OUR BACK YARD. OUR SUBDIVISION DOES NOT ALLOW FENCES. WITH A TRAIN GOING BY EVERY HOUR, THERE IS NO SAFE TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY IN THEIR BACK YARDS ON MY SIDE OF THE STREET. ALSO, LAKE ZURICH SCHOOL BUSES MUST CROSS THE EJE TRACKS TO ENTER MY SUBDIVISION TO PICKUP CHILDREN & THEN MUST CROSS THE SAME TRACKS AGAIN TO BRING THESE KIDS TO LAKE ZURICH SCHOOLS. WITH A TRAIN EVERY HR, THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS, LET ALONE THINKING THAT THE CHILDREN MAY BE LATE FOR SCHOOL DAILY. AMBULANCES / FIRE ENGINES WOULD HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMT OF TROUBLE CROSSING THE EJE TRACKS IF THERE WERE 20-25 TRAINS A DAY USING THESE TRACKS. MINUTES MEAN EVERYTHING FOR PARAMEDICS / FIREMEN TRYING TO SAVE PEOPLE'S LIVES. ALSO HOUSE FIRES MAY SPREAD TO OTHER HOUSES IF FIRE ENGINES CAN NOT GET TO THEIR DESTINATIONS SOON ENOUGH BECAUSE OF LONGER TRAINS RUNNING EVERY HOUR.

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

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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