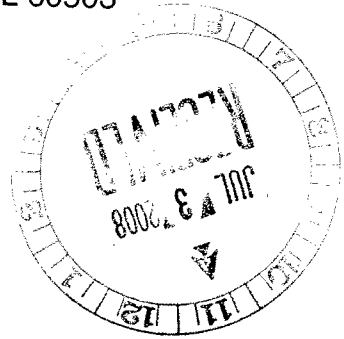


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395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001.



RE U.S. Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 35087.

Dear Ms. Quinlan;

I am writing to you to express my concern with the proposed purchase of the EJ&E line by Canadian National. I can't express how damaging and dangerous this purchase will be to our community (Aurora) and others along the line. I have been trying to get a quiet zone for over 10 years for crossings near our house. Unfortunately the FRA continually dragged their feet on making the final ruling and continually made unreasonable and unattainable proposals that would further drag out the process. Finally a rule was issued and we may be on our way to a quiet zone after some constant warning devices are installed. However, this new twist of quintupling the number of trains could ruin our possibility of a quiet zone. Imagine if I sit outside your house and honk my car horn at 2 AM, would that disturb your family? That is what some of these train horns are comparable to and I'm not even the closest to the tracks. These ridiculous train horns that are louder in the second story of my house than they are if I'm sitting at the intersection waiting for the train to pass DO affect the sleeping quality of my 4-year-old and 7-year-old children. Please **REJECT** the purchase of the railway by Canadian National. My quiet zone is just one very personal concern with this purchase. Others concerns is the amazing traffic congestion that will occur during peak travel times along Route 34 and other crossings that already back up for a mile plus if a train happens to come through during peak travel times.

Please, we urge you to **REJECT** the purchase and look to reasonable solutions for train congestion in the Chicago area.

Thank you,