

September 19, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Ball:

With regard to the above captioned matter of the merger between the Canadian National Railroad and EJ&E from Joliet, Illinois, we wish to voice our opinion as being against this merger.

We oppose the merger of the Canadian National Railroad with the EJ&E from Joliet because of the increased traffic in an area that has numerous schools and hundreds of school buses, which will be placed in a very dangerous situation by the increased train traffic. The traffic in this area is already a burden and will create an additional hardship in getting to and from work in spite of the fact that people can and will leave earlier. This would also create a very dangerous situation for the citizens because hazardous waste shipments would be increased by over 600% which is just asking for serious illness and possible deaths. We can live with the current EJ&E trains, but we will suffer great hardship if this merger is allowed to go through.

Also, the already overburdened taxpayers would have to foot the bill for most, if not all, of the improvements in infrastructure and overhead and underpasses that will be required to alleviate the tremendous flow of train traffic. These areas simply cannot afford the substantial increases in taxes that would be caused by this merger.

Again, we OPPOSE this merger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John Bernardoni
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