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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has come up with a plan to decrease the number of freight trains that run through La Grange. This plan includes purchasing a large part of the EJ&E line and redirecting many freight train routes towards these tracks on the outskirts of Chicago. If this plan is approved, commuter and the freight rail industry will see significant improvements in overall quality of travel and efficiency.

The trains in this area cause much turmoil for our family. We live near the train tracks, so at night, the trains are parked right outside our kitchen. They rumble and roar for long periods of times, waking us up all hours of the night. When the weather is nice outside and we want to open our window, we can't because the trains are so loud. In addition, the hazardous pollutants that the trains emit affect our sinuses tremendously.

In addition, when we are on our way to church or different functions, we have to go alternate routes because we know that we will get stopped otherwise. Most of the time, traveling various routes puts us way out of our way. However, when we do not travel another route, we usually end up waiting for at least 10-15 minutes for the train to pass.

As you can see, this is a problem that causes a lot of stress for the residents of the Chicago area. Please give your approval to this acquisition so this problem can finally be solved.

Sincerely,

Joe Thomas

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