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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

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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 BENEFITS TO CN BY INCREASING THE FREIGHT TRAIN TRAFFIC FROM 5 TO 25 TRAINS A DAY WILL DESTROY THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON IN MANY WAYS. BARRINGTON HAS TWO RAILWAY SYSTEMS THAT GO THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF BARRINGTON, METRA + EJE. THEY BOTH CROSS ROUTE 59 (HOOCH STREET) + LAKE COOK RD (MAIN STREET) THE TWO MAIN ARTERIAL ROADS THROUGH TOWN + ALSO CROSS A MAJOR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 14). THESE ROADS ARE USED TO TRAVEL INTO THE DOWNTOWN AREA BY ALL NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES + ALL RESIDENTS. IN ADDITION THESE TWO RAIL SYSTEMS INTERSECT (CROSS EACH OTHER) THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THIS WILL FORCE TRAINS TO RUN ALL DAY + INTO THE NIGHT NOT PROVIDING ANY RELIEF TO COMMUTERS, (CARS). WE ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING MAJOR CONGESTION ON LAKE COOK + 59 (HOOCH ST) DURING THE HEAVY COMMUTER TRAIN HOURS IN THE MORNING BETWEEN 5AM + 9AM AND IN THE EVENING BETWEEN 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM. THESE ADDITIONAL 20 TRAINS ON THE EJE WILL HAVE TO RUN DURING THE DAY BETWEEN COMMUTER TRAINS OR AT NIGHT. AFTER 7:30 PM PROVIDING NO DOWNTIME. SATURDAYS BETWEEN 11AM + 2PM IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVEL THROUGH TOWN WITHOUT BEING AFFECTED BY THE HEAVY TRAFFIC. ADDITIONAL TRAINS ON SATURDAYS WILL FORCE PEOPLE TO DO THEIR SHOPPING IN OTHER TOWNS TO AVOID TRAFFIC + TRAIDS, KILLING OUR BUSINESS DISTRICT. WE ALREADY HAVE IMPATIENT DRIVERS WHO WILL AVOID DRIVING ON THESE BUSY STREETS INTO THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, SIDE STREETS, INCREASING THE RISK OF CHILDREN GETTING HIT BY CAR TRAFFIC. THIS WILL ALSO AFFECT ALL OUR PROPERTY VALUES WHETHER THE RAILS ARE IN YOUR BACKYARD OR NOT TO EITHER INCREASED TRAFFIC INTO NEIGHBORHOODS, NOISE + AIR POLLUTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FOR ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THE EJE WILL BE HARD TO LIVE WITH. FREIGHT TRAINS ARE ALSO FELT THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS, WHAT I MEAN IS THAT THE TRAIN WILL CAUSE OUR HOUSE TO ALSO VIBRATE DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF LOADS IT CARRIES, YOU CAN FEEL THIS ESPECIALLY LATE AT NIGHT. THEY OFTEN BLOW THEIR HORNS IN ADDITION. PEDESTRIAN + MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN CROSS THE TRACKS TO GET TO SCHOOL. SEE THE

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago. #2 →

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

Sponsored (Initial):

City, State, Zip: BARRINGTON IL 60010

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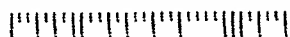
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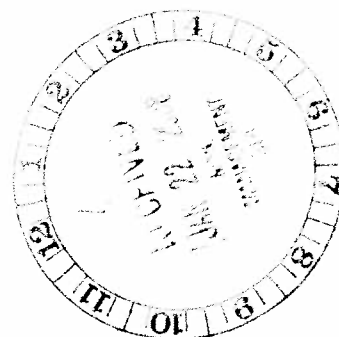
(A RESIDENT OF BARRINGTON SINCE 1987 (20 YEARS))

HDR

THIS IN ITSELF IS GOOD ENOUGH REASON FOR NOT ALLOWING PAGE ②
 THIS INCREASE OF FREIGHT TRAINS ON THE ENTE. THE SAFETY OF
 OUR CHILDREN IS SERIOUSLY @ RISK. SCHOOL BUSES ALSO CROSS
 THE ENTE ON BOTH RT. 59 (HOGG ST.) + LAKE COOK (MAIN ST.)
 INCREASING THE RISK OF HAVING A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. THIS WILL
 ALSO CAUSE EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO NOT REACH THERE DESTINATION
 IN TIME TO PUT OUT A FIRE OR SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE!
 POTENTIAL PERAILMENTS HAVE INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY PUTTING
 ALL RESIDENTS AT RISK. THE DANGERS + HAZARDS THAT
 BARRINGTON WILL INCOR BY ADDING THE 20 FREIGHT TRAINS
 A DAY TO THE CN/ENTE RAIL ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO
 THE BARRINGTON COMMUNITY & ITS NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.
 PLEASE PROTECT OUR TOWN (BUSINESS DISTRICT), PROPERTY
 VALUES, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN + ENVIRONMENT & HOW
 IT IS IMPACTED. STOP THIS PURCHASE + EXPANSION.
 THANK YOU!



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