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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

I am a resident of Mokena, Illinois who will be extremely impacted by the CN purchase of EJ&E Railroad. The rail tracks are approximately 200 yards from my home. My main concerns are:

1. Noise/Air pollution. The rail line currently runs about six times per day, with the average train length of one half mile. The proposed purchase will have trains running about four to five times more often with train lengths to almost 2 miles. We currently have to deal with train noise and vibrations. This is especially disturbing at night, making it impossible to leave our windows open. This increase in traffic will make it much harder to deal with.
2. Traffic congestion. The infrastructure in this area is already challenged by the sudden growth. Growth projections for the next 10-20 years should show that rail crossings being blocked daily by long and frequent trains would pose extreme traffic problems. Also, Emergency Service responses will be compromised.
3. Safety. The rail lines in Mokena are bordered by homes, schools and bike paths. The transportation of hazardous materials along with increased collision and derailment probabilities will create a very unsafe environment for our community.

Please consider the environmental impact on the quality of life and safety issues that will affect the residents of all the communities affected by the 200 mile acquisition by CNR.

Sincerely,



Turk Jovanovich