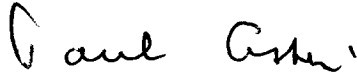


Sept 9, 2008

To: STB

From: Paul Asheim



President, Stonebridge Community Association, Aurora, Illinois

As President of Stonebridge Community Association in Aurora, I am here to add our concern with the prospect of an EJ&E sale and the increase in freight traffic it would bring to our neighborhood. This concern is not from as CN puts it, "selfish, not-in-my-backyard people" but in fact from citizens that acknowledge the importance of railroad traffic while at the same time also acknowledging the potential problems that may occur with increased train traffic, environmental impacts, and public safety delays including longer waits at grade rail crossings which will in turn hamper the movement of school buses and emergency vehicles. In addition, if the EJ&E purchase is such a good economic deal for CN, they should be willing to absorb more of the infrastructure costs than they have been willing to absorb until this point in time. Local communities already have had their budgets stretched to the limit and it is not feasible to assume money is available to fund the staggering costs of grade separation that will be necessary.