

September 15, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a lifelong resident of the Village of New Lenox, I must ask that you deny Canadian National's request to purchase the E J & E Railroad. Our community would be negatively impacted by this sale and the safety and well-being of all of its residents would be in jeopardy.

The thought of the impact this sale would have on the emergency services that protect our community is frightening. The addition of CN and their trains could block **all** 5 of our major north-south roadways. I hope that the STB will take into consideration that a life may be lost because emergency equipment cannot reach its destination due to a rail crossing being blocked for precious life-saving minutes. Please do not let this happen.

The safety of the children of New Lenox will be compromised if this sale is to be permitted. There are many schools in the area where CN will be bringing through hazardous materials and running constant train traffic. How are these children supposed to feel while they sit on a bus for up to 20 minutes waiting to attend classes? Please do not let this happen.

While I understand the importance of train traffic, I cannot understand how CN can be allowed to come into small towns and just turn their way of life upside down. We, the citizens of Will County, Illinois, are pleading with the STB not to allow this sale. Please help us retain the great community we live and work in.

We have been told that this is not "a done deal" and that the word of residents may shed some light on this subject for the STB. I hope that this is true. Citizens' voices are not always heard when these decisions are made. They are just expected to go along with what has been decided and pay the taxes necessary to pick up the pieces.

Please don't let the citizens of New Lenox down. We are counting on the STB to make the correct decision in this matter – **VOTE NO FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL!!**

Sincerely,



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