

January 25, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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For 33 years, we have lived peacefully in our home, which abuts the EJ&E Railroad tracks in Frankfort, Illinois. We have never minded the six trains that pass behind our home each day. However, my wife and I fear our rural environment will be forever destroyed if the railroad is sold to the Canadian National Railway, which wants to more than quadruple the number of trains each day and make Frankfort an end point for a new side track extending to Joliet.

Besides the increased train traffic, we have many other concerns. For instance, I have an asthmatic condition that I fear will be exacerbated by more trains running past my house, polluting the air we breathe. In addition, air quality will be further compromised from the diesel exhaust from idling trains. We also have a concern this pollution will affect wildlife and the many mature white oak trees on our property. Surely the environmental system will be jeopardized.

We suspect that so many additional trains will violently shake our house, cracking walls, ceilings and the foundation. And the extra noise from so many trains will make it intolerable for us to enjoy our gardens and yard.

So many more trains will, of course, create traffic congestion at grade crossings, delaying ambulances, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, creating life and death situations.

We worry about the trains hauling hazardous materials. You should be aware that four underground pipes run parallel to the railroad tracks. Those pipes transport natural gas and crude oil. Two pipelines are relatively new. Two are very old. With so many more trains, those older pipes might be prone to rupture or break, possibly causing a catastrophic disaster to our homes and environment.

And a train derailment could pose a major disaster because high voltage power lines run alongside those tracks. Those power lines carry 324,000 volts.

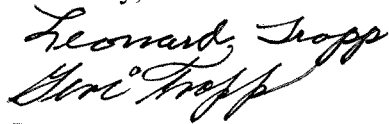
Finally, it upsets me that the lifestyle I have enjoyed through my decades of hard work could be disrupted for the benefit of a foreign company.

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We request the Board reconsider the proposal from Canadian National, weighing the numerous problems it will create, not only for the Village of Frankfort, but for all the communities between Waukegan, IL and Gary, IN.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Leonard and Geri Tropp in cursive script.

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