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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

There are many flaws in the DEIS (which have been well documented by others) and many legitimate reasons to oppose the CN acquisition. The issue that most concerns me is one of public health and safety. The increase in freight trains as a result of the CN acquisition would have a dramatic, adverse impact on life and death first responder times. As a father of a child who is a cancer survivor and has ongoing medical needs, I am deeply concerned ~~by~~ by the prospect that those in need of urgent care may be delayed from reaching the hospital while precious minutes pass. There is no doubt that the CN acquisition would result in increased fatalities due to the increased emergency response time as well as increased incidences of severe brain & heart damage that would otherwise be prevented. Further, the increased number of trains will likely lead to increased accidents / fatalities. In the last year alone, there were a number of fatalities associated with the trains in Barrington (accidental & suicides). I fear that there will only be more accidents and fatalities if the CN acquisition is approved.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the STB NOT APPROVE the CN acquisition.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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