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To: Surface Transportation Board
From: Ron & Shirley Thompson
Date: January 22, 2008
Subject: STB Finance Docket 35087

We have several concerns with regard to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by Canadian National Railway.

1. The additional rail traffic will result in a significant impact on traffic congestion in Barrington and other communities along the rail line.
2. The additional rail traffic will result in a safety issue, as the Barrington fire station could be cut off from residents on the other side of the tracks.
3. Additional safety concerns will result due to the rail lines close proximity to the Barrington High School. Students cross these tracks frequently and the added rail traffic will result the potential for rail crossing accidents.
4. The environmental impact of the additional rail traffic is a major concern and a study must be done to quantify the potential impact.
5. Property values certainly will be impacted by this additional traffic.

Thank you for listening to our concerns about the proposed rail transaction.

We sincerely hope you reject this proposal.

Surface Transportation Board

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Environmental Impact Statement



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Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

SEE ATTACHED

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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