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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. 35087

Dear Victoria,

I am very concerned with the pending CN Railroad acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad that will negatively impact the Village of Frankfort and other communities.

CN will increase train traffic a minimum 400-500% on a track network that was not planned for that volume or velocity of traffic. Noise and air pollution will have a negative effect on several towns.

Safety is a major concern especially on the current infrastructure that was not built to handle the expected increased traffic. Is the railroad bridge over Route 45 designed and field inspected to handle the longer trains with larger locomotives with heavier payloads and increased traffic volume?

Current railroad intersections at major intersections near schools, parks, camping grounds, and residential communities need to be reviewed for safety concerns. The increased train traffic volume and train length will negatively effect our North- South major streets.

Another major concern is a 500 % increase in hazardous material that will travel through Frankfort. Are existing safety protocols adequate to meet this significant increase?

I believe it is very important for the STB to evaluate all these major issues that will need to be addressed for the safety and mutual well being of effected communities. What restrictions and mitigation efforts can be implemented to ensure these serious issues can be addressed?

Sincerely,



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