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August 4, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation Control- EJ&E
West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of Village of Bartlett, Illinois I am writing to express my strong opposition to Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's (CN) purchase of the EJ&E rail line.

CN estimates that the average number of daily trains will increase from 5.5 to 23.5 along the section of the EJ&E that traverses Bartlett. I am very concerned that my community will be facing significant issues related to public safety, environment, traffic gridlock, and emergency response times if this acquisition is approved.

None of these issues are being adequately dealt with by the CN. I understand that the Surface Transportation Board is charged with the review and approval process for transactions of this type, and has as its mandate to foster rail commerce. However, if your agency does not protect communities from the actions of the railroads, transactions like the one proposed by CN will devastate the viability and livability of villages and towns all along the rail line.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Name

LARRY M. LUNNEY

Address:

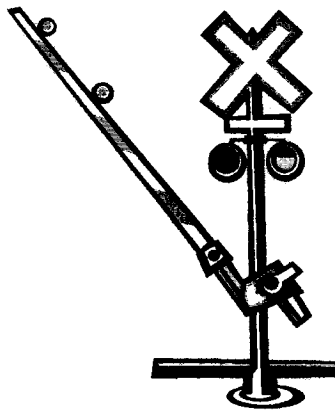
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Are you concerned about the trains? Canadian National proposes to...

The Canadian National Rail has submitted a plan to bypass the City of Chicago and re-route their trains to the EJ & E rail line that is just west of our community. This will increase the daily trains by **five times**! Not only will the number of trains drastically increase but they will be longer in length, travel at higher speeds and carry four times as many chemicals and petrochemicals. This is not a plan that has been submitted for necessity but for their convenience. This will affect not only our community but the town of Bartlett and the surrounding areas as well.



What can we do about the trains?

We need to stand together as a community along with the Village of Bartlett and the surrounding villages to show our discord for this outrageous venture.

A rally has been scheduled for August 28, 2008, at Bartlett High School. The rally will be from 4-6 pm and the public meeting from 6-9 pm. It is important for as many residents, not only from Spring Lakes but all of Bartlett and neighboring areas, to attend this rally and public meeting, to speak out or just support those who do in protest against this. Residents who wish to speak are allotted 3 minutes. It is a first come first serve unless you have pre-registered to speak at 1-800-347-0689.

A form letter has been enclosed that has been provided to us from the Village of Bartlett. We encourage all residents to sign this letter to help prevent the Canadian National Rail from disrupting our community. Letters can be mailed to the address at the top of the letter or brought into the Spring Lake Estates main office. If you need more letters please contact our office and we will supply additional forms. These can be given to friends, family, etc. to anyone that will be affected by the proposal from the Canadian National.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU?

- *Emergency vehicles will have a dangerously slower response time due to traffic problems when trains are present.*
- *Currently there are 5.5 trains daily this will increase to 23.5 trains daily!!!*
- *Increase street traffic congestion*
- *Increase in general noise*
- *Exiting and entering SLE will become a nuisance and a safety issue*
- *This line is expected to be a supply line for steel, chemical and petrochemical industries which will increase the possibility of hazardous spills by four times!*
- *This will disrupt the quiet enjoyment of your home*
- *It is possible the vibrations can cause structural problems to homes and loosen utility lines*
- *Possible bad odors*