

August 29, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation
Board 395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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 the City of Warrenville for 10 years, I've been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I know the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly by those living so close to the tracks. It is my understanding, that there will be a significant increase in train traffic and hazardous waste traveling through our community.

The potential environmental impacts related to the transportation of hazardous materials are of great concern. Like myself, there are numerous residents located within a short distance of the EJ&E Railroad line. I am also very concerned about the increased noise levels and potentially decreased property values. My wife and I live in the wonderful peaceful community of Maple Hill in Warrenville. We spend a lot of time outdoors walking, visiting with neighbors and enjoying our patio. We would hate to lose this peaceful environment to the noise and rumble of trains. We have some train traffic now but it's only a few (11) trains each day. They are relatively short trains that travel at modest speeds.

My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts towards establishing a quiet zone. Staff and elected officials have dedicated approximately three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start at the beginning of this long process? Residents along the EJ&E have patiently waited for the quiet zone to be established for several years.

It is because of my concerns about safety and quality of life that I oppose this transaction. I hope the Surface Transportation Board considers the severe impacts on local residents when evaluating this transaction. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 630-876-8744.

Sincerely,



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