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GARY COMMON COUNCIL



## Office of the President

January 23, 2008

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington DC 20423

**Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball**  
Environmental Filing  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

On January 16, 2008 a public meeting was held in the city of Gary to solicit comments concerning the acquisition of control of EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of EJ&E Railway Company, by the Canadian National Railway Company, CN. Canadian National proposes to reroute the transport of hazardous waste material through the City of Gary resulting in a dramatic increase of exposure to hazardous material and unimaginable motorists and emergency vehicle delays at railroad crossings.

On behalf of the Gary Common Council and our constituents, we stand strong in our opposition to this acquisition and urge you to deny this application on our behalf. Please consider the existing levels of exposure to hazardous material we face and help us fight the environmental injustice that continues to victimize communities that are least prepared to resist. If there is anything more that I can add to your decision-making process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronier Scott, President  
Gary Common Council

Cc: Common Council Members  
Mayor Rudy Clay  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Congressman Pete Visclosky  
Indiana General Assembly Delegates

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