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Phyllis Johnson Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref STB Finance Docket No. 35087
CN and E J & E Railroad

Dear Mrs Johnson Ball

The environmental impact to me would be severe. I live within 1000 yards of the E J & E in a several building condo residential area called Maple Hill. Currently, the noise level from trains is tolerable except for long coal trains. The noise echo on the buildings and vibrations are now bad. Any increase in traffic from heavy, long trains would be an economic disaster as well as a total negative to Warrenville.

This route is intended for a commuter connection to several Metra lines now spanning out in a circular manner from Chicago. The idea to enhance Canadian interests is totally unacceptable.

This proposed increase on a single line railroad is stupid. It crosses major road arteries and any expansion to accomodate two or more tracks makes overpasses, underpasses and crossing ~~costs~~ costs prohibitive. All that is accomplished for the buyer is not passing through Chicago's more difficult areas with long, standing and dangerous trains carrying hazards in each box.

Steel and Union Stockyards are no longer important to Chicago. There is no justification for the Surface Transportation Board's refusal to consider the impact on the communities involved. We have no voice in Cook County and they should never pass their problems to others who can't vote them out of office.

Stop this CN purchase Now!

Sincerely,
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