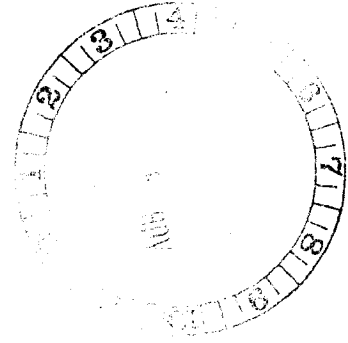


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

RE: Docket # 35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -Control- EJ & E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a resident of Frankfort, Illinois who will be impacted by the CN purchase of EJ&E Railroad. I am writing to express my objection to the increased train traffic that will occur. I purchased a \$600,000 home in the quiet suburb of Frankfort because of the tranquility and safety that it provided our children. The neighborhood is full of very young children. I feel the increased number of trains will be a safety hazard to the children and this will also have a detrimental impact on the housing prices which are already down due to the troubled economy. We are just a few blocks away from the train tracks.

I understand that the EJ&E tracks in Frankfort have not received major repairs in over 25 years. That's one reason the experienced engineers go so slowly through Frankfort. Now the Canadian National is proposing to increase the number of trains by over 400% and they state that they will run trains through our community at 45 miles per hour on these old tracks. I wonder if the authors of your Draft Environmental Impact Statement have read the report to the Canadian House of Commons from the Standing Committee on Transport that severely criticizes the safety record of the Canadian National Railway. Perhaps the most alarming comment in the report is that by 2008, the CN had only implemented one out of the five safety measures it was ordered to implement by the Canadian government back in 2001. If they won't implement safety measures for their own government, why should we believe that they will show a concern for safety when operating in the United States? In fact Canadian National employees are quoted in the report as saying that they work in a "culture of fear," which affects safety.

Please make sure that the final Environmental Impact Study takes the safety record of the CN into consideration. We are counting on you to help avoid a tragedy in our community.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey R. Abbott