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Environmental Impact Statement



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Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8-27-08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

One of my primary concerns with the propose CN purchase of the EJ&E railroad lines relates to the significant negative impact the increased freight traffic will have on the almost 10,000 school children in District 220. Barrington High School currently has close to 3000 students. Many of these students commute long distances to get to and from school each day. ~~The district is over 70 minutes~~ These students have 7 different EJ&E railroad crossings to contend with. CN unwillingness to pay for the necessary changes to grade separations will subject these students to an unhealthy & unreasonable commute times just to attend school on a daily basis.

I am also concerned with the close proximity of increased freight traffic to the high school. We have already had 3 kids killed by trains in the past 12 months. An increase of 15 to 20 trains a day will cause kids to rush to beat the trains or jump through the trains. High school kids will do stupid things. It is our responsibility to protect them. Don't let more of our kids be killed. The poor safety record of CN almost must be taken into consideration. ~~whereas~~

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