



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

To Whom it May Concern,

Many of my fellow residents will point to their own "personal" issues as to why they are opposed to this transaction - noise, safety, traffic, buses/ambulances, etc. These are all real concerns, but the point I'd like to make is even larger than this.

Pretend Barrington doesn't even exist. 80% of the cars on our major arterials aren't even from Barrington. They belong to people passing through. In essence, with Lake Cook Road, Route 59, Route 14, the Union Pacific line & the EJE line passing w/in 100's of yards of one another, Barrington has become the commuter crossroads of the far NW suburbs. This issue affects this entire economy -- not just Barrington's.

Sending 20-30 freight trains on the EJE tracks, that are a mile long, & at grade w/ these other major arterials would be a disaster of substantial proportions. How can you stop route 14, which is truly a highway, this many times and not expect unbearable traffic?

I agree that commerce and the bigger picture must at times take precedent, but at the least, significant mitigants must be put in place.

Move it elsewhere, buy it, or don't do it at all - that's my request.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

Signed (Initial): _____

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Date: 1/10/08