

September 16, 2008

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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed Acquisition of EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Frankfort, and I am formally **opposing** the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

Environmental Impact

If the CN purchase of the EJ&E is allowed to proceed, the impact to surrounding schools, churches and neighborhoods will have devastating consequences. The sound, and vibration of thundering freight trains every 51 minutes will be felt for miles along these tracks. Add to this the noise and most concerning, the increased risk of a toxic spill due to the 600% increase in harmful chemicals hauling through town at 45 miles per hour begs the question "Will the STB ensure that the final environmental impact study addresses the significant negative impact to our community?"

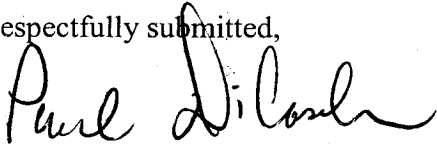
The Cost to U.S. Taxpayers

The \$40 million CN has proposed to spend on infrastructure improvements is a drop in the bucket. Who will pay for the rest of the underpasses, grade separations and projected necessary infrastructure improvements that are needed to support projected population growth? Who will pay for the anticipated decline in property values? *IF THE STB APPROVES THIS TRANSACTION, THEN CN SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY!*

CN Safety Record

It has been 25 years since the EJ&E tracks in Frankfort have received major repairs. Considering CN's reluctance to implement Candian safety measures, does the STB expect CN to honor U.S. Safety requirements? Please give CN's safety record your utmost priority when considering this purchase.

Respectfully submitted,



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