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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

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

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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

DURING A RECENT TRIP TO THE NETHERLANDS, I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INTEGRATED DESIGN OF RAIL FACILITIES INTO THE OVERALL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. THE RAIL LINES PARALLELED THE MAJOR MOTORWAY AND CROSSROADS COMBINED GRADE SEPARATION OF THE MAJOR MOTORWAY AND THE RAIL LINE FROM EACH INTERSECTING ROAD. LOCAL TRAFFIC WAS NO MORE DISRUPTED BY LENGTHY FREIGHT TRAINS THAN BY THE CONTINUING HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC ON THE MAJOR MOTORWAY.

ALTHOUGH RAIL TRAFFIC THROUGH THE CHICAGO REGION CAN BE HANDLED BETTER THAN THE ~~GREAT~~ STATUS QUO, THE SOLUTION IS NOT TO MOVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN RAIL AND MOTOR TRAFFIC TO A LINE WITH MUCH POORER EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. THE SOLUTION IS TO DESIGN AND PAY FOR AN OPTIMUM SOLUTION, AS I VIEWED IN THE NETHERLANDS, AND MINIMIZE THE CONFLICTS AND INEFFICIENCIES FOR THE LONG RUN.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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