



Environmental Impact Statement



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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

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How Do I Submit Comments?

- **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.

See COMMENTS ENCLOSED.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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

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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

I am a resident of Briar Cove, a subdivision of Schererville, Indiana in close proximity of the 213th street railroad crossing. This letter is to advise of my protest over the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by CN Railway. In addition to the environmental issues about to be scrutinized, I have other deep concerns.

I purchased my property in this subdivision last year after spending years in another community whereby access to many of my daily activities was frequently blocked by parked rail cars. While I lived no more than three minutes from the South Shore Commuter train, my transportation to work, it wasn't uncommon to wait 30 to 60 minutes, even more, for access to the crossing. The mayor of my community issued numerous tickets for the parked trains -- or whenever two trains were running at the same time in different directions -- however, the mere cost of paying nominal tickets was never a deterrent.

When I moved to Briar Cove, I was aware of the EJ&E; however, friends in nearby communities said it was rare to be held up more than 10 minutes. That was very acceptable to me and has been for the year I've lived here.

Now, with the proposed acquisition and dramatic increase in volume, I am very concerned about reliving an old nightmare. The location of our subdivision, which is very close to Route #41, our subdivision's main access to goods and services, requires crossing the tracks at 213. The only other outlet for our subdivision will mean that we travel westbound to Calumet Avenue and circle around either via Route 30 or Main Street. What should take under five minutes to reach Route #41 or a movie at the Eagle Ridge Drive theatres, could then take up to 20-25 minutes. Moreover, I have no doubt whatsoever that if CN chooses to park a train -- or if the number of cars per train exceeds federal guidelines -- that once operating, they will do whatever they choose.

Equally important, I have a great concern about the value of my property. If I feel the need to leave this community based on the inconvenience I anticipate, such a highly active railroad running behind it will most certainly diminish the value of the home I've just purchased.... ie emergency services will be interrupted, the constant noise of the trains and the diminished access to Route #41 will all contribute to devaluing the homes in this community.

In closing, I ask the that utmost consideration for the health and financial well-being of the citizens impacted by the acquisition be taken into serious account.

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