

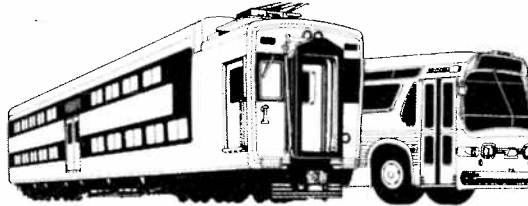
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Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
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 STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Re: Canadian National Railway (CN) Proposed Acquisition of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E)

Ladies and Gentleman:

The Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District (the "District") appreciates the invitation for public comment on the above captioned proposal and submits the following comments.

The proposed acquisition calls for a railroad "Y" to be constructed connecting the EJ&E with the CN at or about the METRA Electric District Matteson commuter station. The proposal also requires the taking of a substantial portion of the commuter parking lot and raises the possibility that all 600 commuter parking spaces will be lost.

For the past few years, commencing in 2005, commuter parking utilization at Matteson, and all along the METRA Electric District, has increased dramatically due to higher gasoline prices. Gasoline prices are not expected to decline in the future and the utilization of mass transit and its related facilities is expected to grow. Moreover, there is no land along the Electric District available for new parking spaces to replace those lost due to this acquisition. Therefore, reducing the number of commuter parking spaces is an unacceptable result of the proposed acquisition.

The mission of the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District is to acquire, construct and maintain transit facilities within and through the south suburbs, and to interact with mass transportation providers and local governments to ensure the delivery of uniform, quality and reliable mass transit services. The loss of parking spaces, as previously stated, would be unacceptable

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Brabec
 Chairman