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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

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

The potential safety issues created by the proposed rail expansion simply cannot be overstated. Blocking the tiny village arterials for prolonged periods at Otis Rd., Lake-Cook Rd., Northwest Hwy, Hough Street and Lake Zurich Rd will cause serious difficulties in delivering fire and ambulance services. Additionally, the risk of train-vehicle and train-pedestrian accidents will be greatly enhanced.

The improvements needed to eliminate these concerns with respect to these five grade level crossing alone would be enormous. When these costs are added for each of the affected suburban areas, it is difficult to believe that it would not be less costly to acquire right of way and construct tracks further west in rural, less populated areas.

I simply cannot believe that responsible public policy makers would give serious consideration to this proposal simply on public safety grounds. Add to this, the potential impact on ~~commut~~ commuter rail service, traffic congestion, property value impact, risk of environmental impacts, etc. Make it clear this proposal should be rejected.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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