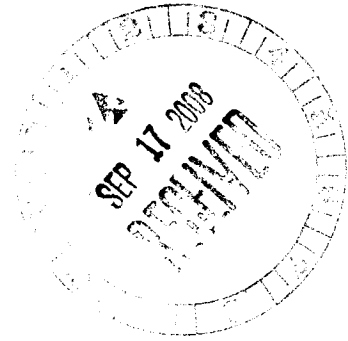


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
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395 E. Street SW
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RE: Docket # 35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -Control- EJ & E West
Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a resident of New Lenox, Illinois who will be impacted by the CN purchase of EJ&E Railroad. I am writing to express my concerns in regards to the CN Safety Record on this purchase.

I understand that the EJ&E tracks in New Lenox and Frankfort have not received major repairs in over 25 years. That's one reason the experienced engineers go so slowly through New Lenox. Now the Canadian National is proposing to increase the number of trains by over 400% and they state that they will run trains through our community at 45 miles per hour on these old tracks. I wonder if the authors of your Draft Environmental Impact Statement have read the report to the Canadian House of Commons from the Standing Committee on Transport that severely criticizes the safety record of the Canadian National Railway. Perhaps the most alarming comment in the report is that by 2008, the CN had only implemented one out of the five safety measures it was ordered to implement by the Canadian government back in 2001. If they won't implement safety measures for their own government, why should we believe that they will show a concern for safety when operating in the United States? In fact Canadian National employees are quoted in the report as saying that they work in a "culture of fear," which affects safety. The other issue that should be addressed is the traffic tie ups that the town faces when you increase train traffic by 400%. Unless Canadian National Railway has plans to build bridges over the main roads in New Lenox, it will be a nightmare for all of us.

Please make sure that the final Environmental Impact Study takes the concerns of the CN Safety Record into consideration. We are counting on you to help avoid a tragedy in our community.

Respectfully,