

September 21, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson -Ball:

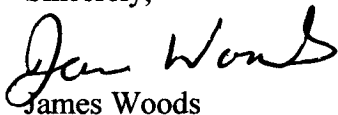
As a resident of Frankfort, Illinois, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that this increase in rail traffic through our community will adversely affect our daily life. I commute from Frankfort to Aurora daily for work and cross the EJ&E track at least twice. Any grade crossing that is blocked for longer than 15 minutes would add to an existing long commute.

In addition to this, the tracks bisect our school district in which the buses would be stopped at grade crossings for an extended period of time.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendations and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Woods". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Woods" clearly distinguishable.

James Woods
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