

Re: STB Finance Docket N. 35087

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Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball,

J. Bird
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I am concerned about the CN acquisition of EJ & E and the CN's plans to bump up the number of trains on the tracks from 6 to 28 per day. I am concerned about this because of day to day concerns like commute time and noise, health and safety concerns, and wildlife.

First of all, I am concerned about CN's purchase and plans for the EJ & E tracks because of day-to-day concerns. When I go to bed at 9 most nights a few minutes I hear a train go by and it sort of bothers me and prevents me from sleeping for another 5 minutes or so. This isn't really much of a problem, but if 3 or 4 trains were going you can see what I'm talking about. Also, I live on a one exit road, and that road's exit is just north of the tracks. Now if there is a train that seems to go on forever and some one has pulled up enough so that you can't make a left turn out of my road, you're pretty much stuck there until the train goes and traffic has dispersed.

Another concern I have is that of health and safety concerns. My brother is asthmatic and he, along with many other asthmatics in the area, may

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start to have more health problems because of the increased pollution due to the increased train traffic. Also, if an ambulance or police officer or fire truck needed to get into my road due to something like my brother's asthma attacks, a hostage situation, or to clean up hazardous waste in my backyard due to a leak in a train car running through my backyard and the ambulance, police, or fire department can't get there because a train is blocking the way to our street, who's responsible?

Finally, the new number of trains may disturb wildlife. There is a fox that lives near my house that my whole family likes to see, and I would hate to see her leave because of noise caused by trains. There are also lots of squirrels and they do funny things in our backyard that I enjoy, and it would also be a shame for them to leave also because of noise. Also, if you were a small woodland creature, would you want to live where there was lots of noise?

In conclusion, those are my reasons to why I am concerned about CN's purchase of EJ&E and their plans with the trains. They can affect day-to-day areas of life, pose health & safety concerns, and affect wildlife. I hope you will ^{listen} to me even though I'm only 13.

Sincerely,
Ryan Bird