



CN EI&E

Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

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I have many concerns and questions about the Canadian National Acquisition of the EI & E railroad. They are:

1. How will Canadian National (CN) address and alleviate the added traffic congestion 40 trains a day will cause in the City of Aurora? I live near the Ogden Avenue crossing in Aurora. Ogden Ave is a major thoroughfare thru our town & connecting us to Naperville and Oswego. As it is now, when a train goes thru at rush hour it causes major traffic delays in both directions. How will the extra trains effect traffic on the roads that cross the tracks as well as other roads in the area? For example, on Jan 13th, 2008 for some reason a train was stopped blocking the Ogden crossing. By the time I drove by, the police had been called and were blocking Ogden so no more traffic would turn & get stuck. So, many cars drove south on Long Grove thru a residential area to go to the crossing at Montgomery Rd. That was also blocked so we continued thru residential area to 87th St where the crossing was still (also) blocked. We could finally cross at 91st St, but that was a 2 mile detour thru residential areas and turned a 8 minute trip into a 35 minute trip. How will CN keep the neighborhoods safe with all the increased traffic when cars are looking for

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- alternatives to get across the tracks.
2. With such a dramatic increase in the number of trains, I believe there will be a major impact on our school buses being able to get our kids to school on time. How will this be alleviated? As it is my kids bus to middle school is late once or twice a year because of some sort of malfunction with the Railroad gates or trains. What about the ambulances trying to get to Copley Hospital? Shouldn't CN be required to build a bridge for the road to go over the tracks if they are allowed to proceed, especially at Ogden Avenue & Diehl Rd (major commuter road)
 3. How much more hazardous material will be brought through our residential areas with the increase in trains
 4. Our area is close to becoming a Quiet Zone. Will we lose this if CN takes over?
 5. How will the wildlife be protected that are using the RR corridor? Will the extra trains drive them into our subdivisions?
 6. The Star Line is proposed to help remove some of our traffic - How will it be impacted?

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Aurora Town Hall Meeting - why didn't you have one near here. We are the 2nd largest city in Illinois.

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