

Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am a resident of Lake Zurich, Illinois and am very concerned about the Canadian National (CN) RR acquisition of the EJ&E RR. There are several reasons why I am against this acquisition: the land values in my town, possibly my home, will decrease; there will be safety issues which involves our children; hazardous materials transported could become disastrous if an accident occurs, noise and vibrations will be a problem, and traffic back-ups will be an issue that could even affect our school transportation.

If this deal goes ahead, the STB needs to make the CN 100% financially accountable for the needed mitigation, which is listed below:

- 1) Safety: We need barrier walls between rails and residences or school property; pedestrian crossing bridges; and access point controls.
- 2) Hazardous Materials Transportation: CN must provide our local emergency service responders with detailed manifests that include what the hazardous materials are; response training, evacuation planning and response and recovery resources to safeguard us from these chemical hazards at no cost to Lake Zurich.
- 3) Noise and Vibration: CN must agree to take all measures to maintain our quiet zone. This needs to include CN paying for a noise analysis and contacting every property owner within 500 feet of the EJ&E tracks to discuss additional landscape buffers and/or fencing which CN will be responsible for paying.
- 4) Transportation Systems: Due to the traffic back-ups which will occur, CN needs to fund the construction of overpasses and/or underpasses at the crossings Oakwood Road, East Main Street, Old Rand Road, and Cuba Road. I am very concerned about this since I have a daughter in high school and the tracks are near her school.

I am very opposed to this deal and do not want it at all but if it does go through. If it does go through, CN should compensate my town in the ways mentioned above.

Sincerely,



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