



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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How Do I Submit Comments?

- Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue. My concerns include the following:

- 1) The CN expects the U.S. Federal government to fund most of the cost of new grade crossings. I am sure that CN plans to add at least 2 new tracks to allow for switching, and freight trains to move in both directions further blocking the remaining 100+ grade crossings.
- 2) We have grown used to 3-4 daily freight trains complete with early AM and midnight horns and whistles passing within a thousand yards of our home. The proposed increase to 20-30 daily runs of 100-200 cars pulled by noisy, polluting double and triple diesel engines on multiple tracks would be very upsetting to all those commuters, school buses, and fire and emergency vehicles, and to me personally.
- 3) my greatest concern, however, is the almost certain political pressure that will be exerted on the STB and its study groups by the current administration in the city of Chicago trying to move present railroad traffic out of their "backyard."

Such a proposal would meet sudden death in Toronto! Again, thank you.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.