

September 5, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball,

This letter is about the purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad that will intersect seven-train crossings in the Village of Frankfort, Illinois, 60423. It will be impossible to provide emergency health care, on time school transportation to and from school with the buses crossing about seven times a day, and Frankfort Fire Department and Police Department are not trained in chemical spills, which are happening more often reported by the news media. Train length will increase to two miles long and there are plans to add two more rail lines next to the existing line. The property value and business opportunities in our village will plummet which will provide financial hardships for the Village of Frankfort.

This purchase plan was not completely reviewed by the Surface Transportation Board; if it were the purchase of the EJ&E would not be an issue. The financial hardships, safety issues, and environmental issues have not been adequately address by the committee. It seems the decision may be made without the consideration of the people or their towns along the EJ&E Railroad line.

The Canadian National has stated they will not pay for all the improvements needed to improve the train crossing or the maintenance needed for the safety of the train tracks for years to come. The State of Illinois has no money for the improvements needed for each railroad crossings. It is sad when the people do not have a voice and the only thing that counts is the money not the people. This will divide our small town plus cause financial hardships to the village business and the residences.

Please take the time and review everything with the correct information and the comments of the people along the proposed rail line. Consider the environmental impact and no financial benefit to the State of Illinois, since Canadian National Railroad is a for profit foreign entity.

Sincerely,



Carole Ellis, Residence of Frankfort, IL. 60423