

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

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Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball,

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to the purchase of the Elgin Joliet & Eastern Railroad (EJ&E) by the Canadian National Railroad (CN). The EJ&E rail line runs approximately one hundred yards from my back yard, with a Commonwealth Edison easement between the rail line and my backyard.

On July 28, 2008, my home was burglarized and my distress call to the Frankfort Police Department resulted in a squad car arriving on my property within ten minutes. Unfortunately, the burglars remain at large. I refer to this incident as a real life example of how critical response time is and how adversely it might be affected with the congested rail traffic CN intends on the EJ&E line, should their pursuit to possess that line be successful. If a life and death situation hung in the balance and rail traffic interfered with response time, no settlement CN might be willing to offer could compensate for the loss of a loved one. The argument is a legitimate one, as all Frankfort residents south of the EJ&E line will live at a severely increased risk of emergency response times suffering in minutes when even seconds might count.

I strongly urge you to recognize the hazards existent if the CN acquisition of the EJ&E were to be made.

Respectfully,

Edward Havey