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STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear STB,

I am writing concerning the proposed national railway merger of the Canadian National to purchase the 198 mile Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Company.

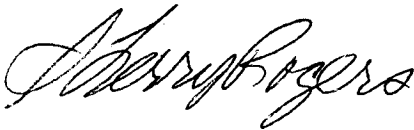
I believe the study that was done should have included all railway crossings in Plainfield. Trains currently back up traffic for miles and the trains only last around five minutes. There would be a very large impact on emergency vehicles, which ultimately would filter down to reflect in insurance prices, and fuel costs. For example, how many accident victims would now have to air lifted? Do you realize that whenever there is an accident on I-55 or I-80 traffic is routed through town on Rt. 59 and Rt. 30? This traffic jam lasts for hours.

There would be a high costs to business's of every kind, especially delivery services, and those in the transportation industry. We currently are plagued with traffic jams everyday, this merger would more than triple those delays. This merger would have a negative impact on all the communities around.

On a personal note this would put the safety of those who deliver mail on main highways such as Route 30, Route 59, Wolf's Crossing, in jeopardy. Every time there is a train and traffic backs up, a mail carrier who delivers on a main road must sit and wait at each mailbox for all traffic to pass. Three mail carriers have been hit in the rear just on Wolf's Crossing alone, just past the RR Crossings, where the speed limit is now 50 mph.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sherry Rogers', written in dark ink.

Sherry Rogers