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Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Rutson,

HR

I am a citizen of Frankfort, IL and I am writing to you concerning the proposed purchase of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad by Canadian National Railroad. As a citizen of Frankfort I am very concerned that the purchase of this railroad will route an excessive amount of additional freight rail traffic threw our community. Please note that we have several grade crossings in our town and most have residential development around the railroad tracks and crossings. Currently the EJ&E runs about 6 trains per day on the line. It looks like CN may have a potential of running up to 30 trains or more per day and most of the trains will be longer then what is currently run on this line. I don't have to tell you what that would do to community's that border this rail line. From what I read it looks like this purchase in a done deal and there is not much that can be done about that. However I would like to see the government impose some strict guidelines on how many trains can be run per day, try to limit trains after 10 PM, install new crossing gates that incorporates a new technology warning system thereby allowing the trains not to sound their horns when approaching a grade crossing. There are also the questions of car traffic concerns in these growing community's. This is the time to act on these measures before the sale is approved. Allowing a large railroad company to route an inordinate amount of traffic around Chicago with out some strict rules to limit sound, vibration and train traffic along the rail line and grade crossings threw towns and community's that never had this much rail traffic in the past is not only unfair it borders on intimidation by a large corporation and left unchecked can and will cause fair amount of adversity among the citizens that live along this railroad line.

January 18, 2008

I know your office is involved with this sale so I would like you respond in writing to me as to what is going on with these negotiations and when a final decision will be made how CN is to operate this new rail line.

Thank you very much for looking into this important matter for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald S. Crandall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" and last name "Crandall" clearly distinguishable.

Gerald S. Crandall