

September 21, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
Attn.: Phyllis Johnson-Ball
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket NO. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

We, the Bergman family, of Lake Zurich, Illinois, are writing to tell you why we OPPOSE the approval of the acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad. WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING 4 FREIGHT TRAINS PER DAY through our community. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION WE WILL SEE 24 TRAINS A DAY ROARING THROUGH OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY!!! The acquisition will BOMBARD our quiet residential neighborhoods and school properties with increased noise and vibrations from dramatically increased train traffic. Our school district buses cross the village's at-grade crossings 233 times per day. This will dramatically impact transportation of students, and the added trains will increase potential train/school bus conflicts. In addition, many of our school district classrooms and children are within a few hundred yards of the hazardous rail cargo. And, obviously, the added delays will increase emergency response times of our emergency services personnel and will potentially cause unnecessary loss of life.

We urge you to take into account these issues, as well as other serious issues, and see that your approval would have a detrimentally negative impact on our village and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



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The Ken Bergman Family
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