



Environmental Impact Statement



Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

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How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

1. COUNTY OF WILL IS THE FASTEST (#1) GROWING COUNTY IN ILLINOIS AND ONE OF THE TOP TEN NATIONALLY IN TERMS OF POPULATION GROWTH.
2. WHEN WILL COUNTY WAS PRIMARILY RURAL, INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS) WERE NOT AS MUCH OF AN ISSUE THEN AS IT IS NOW WITH THE GROWTH WE ARE EXPERIENCING. PRESENT POPULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 500,000 AT THIS TIME WITH A 10 OR 20 YEAR PROJECTION OF 1.6 MILLION.
3. ON MAIN CONCERN ARE THE SAME GRADE CROSSINGS AT DIVISION STREET, GAYLORD ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD - ALL OF WHICH ARE IN THE CREST HILL / PLAINFIELD AREA. THESE THREE (3) ~~2-LANE~~ 2-LANE ROADS ~~ARE~~ ~~BEING~~ ~~TRANSFORMED~~ HAVE A HIGH DENSITY OF PEOPLE TRAVELING ON THEM. ANY FAILURE OR GATES OR WARNINGS COULD HAVE CATASTROPHIC RESULTS AS ALL CROSSINGS ARE IN REMOTE POORLY LIT AREAS. OVERPASSES OR UNDERPASSES ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
4. I USED TO WORK IN THE EAST CHICAGO / WHITING AREA AND AM FAMILIAR WITH HOW THE EJE AND IHB CAN DISRUPT TRAFFIC WITH THEIR SAME GRADE CROSSINGS. INCREASED TRAIN TRAFFIC & SAME GRADE CROSSINGS COULD EASILY TURN OUR COMMUNITY INTO ANOTHER EAST CHICAGO.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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