

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BARTLETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OPPOSING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Fire Protection District is keenly aware of the critical nature of providing the fastest and most efficient response time to prevent loss of life and to prevent loss of property; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Fire Protection District is gravely concerned that the acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) by the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) will have a serious adverse impact on the District's response time to emergencies due to the proposed increased number of railroad crossings, as well as greater surface street congestion due to increased surface street truck traffic resulting from the estimated 15 to 27 more freight trains operating on various segments of the EJ&E; and

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WHEREAS, increased freight traffic proposed by the acquisition will include increased rail traffic of chemicals and other environmentally dangerous substances traversing the areas served by the Bartlett Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the increased number of daily trains traversing the areas served by the Bartlett Fire Protection District will have an additional adverse environmental affect on the natural environment, as well as the human environment by increased noise, vibration, track and grade crossing construction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition of EJ&E by the Canadian National Railway will result in the increased discharge of pollutants into the air from the 15 to 27 proposed additional trains to be run on a daily basis, as well as an additional emissions resulting from increased surface truck traffic delivering and picking up cargo from freight yards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Trustees of the Bartlett Fire Protection District, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, vehemently oppose the approval of the acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company by the Canadian National Railway Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Bartlett Fire Protection District, be and his hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Surface Transportation Board, 39 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

20423, Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing STB, Finance Docket No.
35087.

Passed and Approved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Bartlett Fire
Protection District this 16th day of January 2008 by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Donald Wisniewski, Board President

ATTESTED:

James McCarthy, Board Secretary