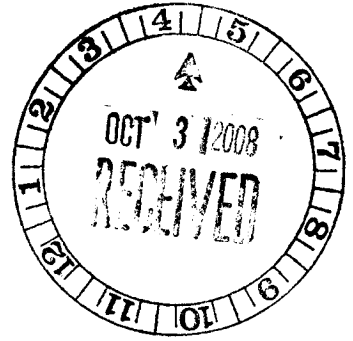


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The Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball
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395 E. Street SW
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RE: Docket #35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation- Control-EJ & E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a resident of Frankfort, Illinois of which my family and neighbors will be impacted by the CN purchase of EJ&E Railroad. I am writing to express my concern of the impact of this sale. The impact this will have on my community and other neighboring communities will be highly visible.

I understand that the EJ&E tracks in Frankfort have not received major repairs in over 25 years. That is one reason the experienced engineers go so slowly through Frankfort. Now the Canadian National is proposing to increase the number of trains by over 400% and it states that they will run trains through our community at 45 miles per hour on these old tracks. We as residents are wondering if the authors of your Draft Environmental Impact Statement have read the report to the Canadian House of Commons from the Canadian National Railroad. Perhaps the most alarming comment in the report is that 2008, the CN had only implemented one out of the five safety measures it was ordered to implement by the Canadian Government back in 2001. If they won't adhere to safety measures set forth by their own government, why should we believe that they will adhere to safety measures while operating in the United States? In fact Canadian National employees are quoted in the report as saying that they work in a "culture of fear", which affects safety.

I am respectfully asking that the Surface Transportation Board takes the safety record of the CN into consideration when making final approval of this sale. We are counting on our own people here in the United States to help avoid a tragedy in our community.

Sincerely,

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