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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

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.

AS RESIDENTS AND OWNERS OF A HOUSE AND CONDO IN BARRINGTON, WE WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS AND OPPOSITION TO STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35087. CURRENTLY 4-5 TRAINS A DAY INCREASING TO 25 TRAINS A DAY AVERAGING BETWEEN 4-7 MINUTES EACH.

1. THESE TRAINS CROSS OVER ALL OF OUR MAIN STREETS, I.E. ROUTE 14, LAKE-COOK ROAD (MAIN ST.) AND ROUTE 59. IF YOU DID A CURRENT TRAFFIC STUDY, YOU WOULD SEE WE ARE CURRENTLY CONGESTED. NOW, ADD 20 MORE TRAINS A DAY AND THIS TOWN WOULD BECOME UNLIVABLE. THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED.

2. LOSS OF RESALE VALUE AND QUALITY OF LIFE. BARRINGTON WOULD GO FROM A PEACEFUL BEDROOM COMMUNITY TO AN INDUSTRIAL FREIGHT TRAIN NIGHTMARE. ALL OF BARRINGTON AND SURROUNDING BARRINGTON RESIDENTS HAVE PAID A PREMIUM AND PAY PREMIUM TAXES TO LIVE HERE. THIS LIFESTYLE WOULD BE STOLEN FROM US.

3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SERVICE OUR TOWN APPROX. 15% OF EVERY DAY DUE TO TRAIN TRAFFIC.

4. OUR STUDENTS WOULD BE GREATLY AFFECTED. SCHOOL BUSES CROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS APPROXIMATELY 400 TIMES A DAY.

5. NOISE POLLUTION: RESIDENTS WILL HEAR AND SMELL THESE TRAINS AS THEY ROLL OVER THE TRACKS BLOWING THEIR HORNS 24/7.

WE ARE VESTED IN BARRINGTON AS OUR HOME. PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP BARRINGTON A HOME-TOWN. OPPOSE THE C.N. RAILWAY CO. ACQUISITION. THANK YOU.

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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