

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

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COMMENT FORM:

I am OUTRAGED with this potential acquisition of the CNRC. When my family moved in the subdivision of Sandalwood Estates, Frankfort, Il. back in mid-2003, we were told back then that very few trains pass along the train tracks that are located within 200 yards from my home. Not to mention several of my neighbors, who are now my good friends, have these tracks in their back yards.

Do you people have any care or consideration of our private home lives, not to mention the possible depreciation of our homes if this acquisition does go through? Who the hell wants to not only see, but HEAR 15 – 25 loud trains going through their neighborhood every freaking day? This is a ridiculous and absurd acquisition that should NOT even be considered since there are so many people's lives that this would affect.

At the intersection where the train travels through on Wolf Road (where we live near), there should be a "Quiet Zone", not to mention sound barriers should even be put up for all of those homes that back up to the tracks in question. I'm NOT happy at all and I know that everyone else in my subdivision would feel the same way also! This acquisition would force most of these people who do back up against the tracks to sell, or possibly even lose their homes. By the way, if there were to be potentially 15 to 25 trains that pass by the intersection of Wolf Road, the gates would be down more than up and traffic wouldn't even be able to pass along this road – it's also a hazard for our young children wanting to cross these tracks just to get to the bike path.

I consider my neighborhood to be a quiet and peaceful one and I (amongst others) would like to STAY QUIET!! We definitely do NOT want this acquisition to go through – it would be a miserable and LOUD place to live and raise our young children!

PLEASE DO NOT sell this line to the Canadian National Railway due to the horrific affect it will have on so many homeowners that own homes along this line! I'm sure there is another solution for this railway to go to and NOT on the EJ&E line! PLEASE HEAR US!!

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