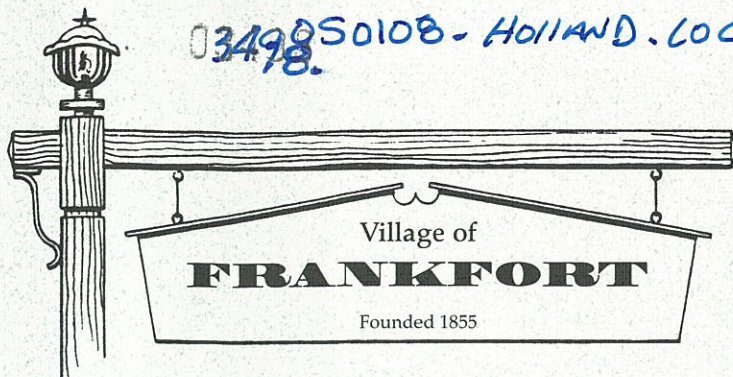




Village President
Jim Holland

Village Clerk
Kate Romani

Village Administrator
Jerald P. Ducay

May 1, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

At its April 28, 2008 board meeting, the Village of Frankfort Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 08-07, entitled "A Resolution Objecting to the Proposed Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern (EJ & E) Railroad by the Canadian National (CN) Railway Corporation."

A certified copy of the passed Resolution is enclosed for the Surface Transportation Board's file regarding this issue, Finance Docket No. 35087.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ducay
Village Administrator

Enclosure

Surface Transportation Board
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RESOLUTION NO. **08-07**

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN (EJ & E) RAILROAD BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL (CN) RAILWAY CORPORATION

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Corporation, along with its United States subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation (collectively, "CN") filed an application with the federal Surface Transportation Board ("STB") seeking approval to acquire the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (collectively, "EJ & E"); and

WHEREAS, the acquisition as presently represented by the CN would effectively relocate a significant amount of rail freight traffic that presently moves on established rail lines in and proximate to the City of Chicago, Illinois, to various sections of the EJ & E rail lines presently located north, west, south and east in the Counties of Cook, DuPage, Will and Lake in the State of Illinois, and in the County of Lake in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in rail freight traffic resulting from the suggested acquisition by the CN will create substantive adverse impacts and negatively impact the quality of life in communities along and adjacent to the EJ & E, included but not limited to increased vehicular delay time for motorists and emergency vehicles, increased emissions, the potential for additional train and motor vehicle accidents, additional rail traffic carrying hazardous materials, the need for additional quiet zones; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition as proposed will have significant ancillary and cumulative effects in portions of the region affected by this transaction in that the planned Metra Suburban Transit Access Route (the "STAR" Line) that is intended to utilize segments of the existing EJ & E corridor to provide a suburban commuter passenger rail line and the first of its kind in the region of northeastern Illinois, will be jeopardized and its future viability uncertain should said acquisition take place; and

WHEREAS, many of the cities, villages and towns represented in this regional consortium of local governments, now effectively known as The Regional Answer to the Canadian National (TRAC), have been active participants in the planning of the "STAR" Line improvement, and have provided funding for analysis and for the purchase of right-of-way for vehicular parking and train stations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition by the CN would increase daily train traffic to as many as 45 trains per day, a three-fold increase in the transport of hazardous materials, and an eight-fold increase in the number of gross tonnage moving through various segments of the EJ & E corridor, some of whose roadways carry an average daily traffic in excess of 45,000 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, local political jurisdictions who are adversely impacted by the proposed acquisition have now mobilized and come together as a singular body to allocate both personnel and financial resources to oppose said transaction;

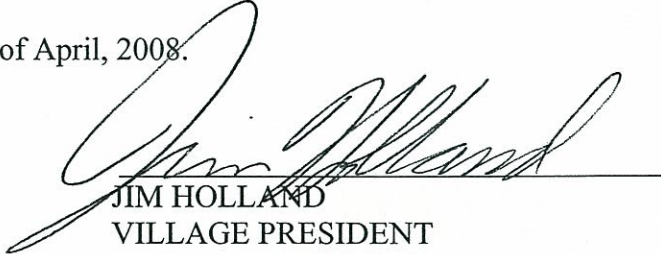
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT, WILL & COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

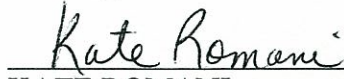
That the Village President be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Village of Frankfort, said Resolution formally opposing the Canadian National application before the Surface Transportation Board (STB Docket #35087) for the acquisition of the EJ & E Railroad, and that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the President's signature.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of April, 2008.



ATTEST:


JIM HOLLAND
VILLAGE PRESIDENT


KATE ROMANI
VILLAGE CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS))
COUNTY OF WILL) SS.

I, Alice Y. Schomburg, the Deputy Village Clerk of the Village of Frankfort, in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Deputy Village Clerk of said Village, and as such official I do further certify that with the Village Clerk, I have the care and custody of all official records of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village, and that the foregoing document, attached hereto, being:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-07, A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED
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is a true, correct and compared copy of the original of said document,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the corporate seal of said Village this 28th day of April, 2008.

Alice Y. Schomburg
ALICE Y. SCHOMBURG
DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

(Seal)