

Ms. Victoria Rutson  
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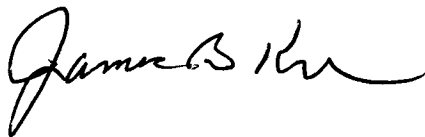
Re: STB Docket number 35087

Ms. Rutson,

As a 16-year resident of Hawthorn Woods, I would like to take this opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by Canadian National. The increase in the number of trains will cause further traffic congestion, pose a serious safety risk to children and the school buses that transport them, increase the noise level and conceivably could prevent any emergency personnel, i.e., police, fire and rescue vehicles, from responding to emergencies in our community. The increase in the trains will not benefit our rural village, rather it will hinder the esthetic appeal, decrease our property values and also harm the environment. Please use your influence to protect our residents and the communities and block this dangerous acquisition.

I feel the Starr Line would be a better use of this rail line. Commuter trains would be a greater benefit to the area and relieve traffic congestion not greatly add to it. Lets use this rail line to benefit the area, and not add to the road burdens experienced already.

Sincerely,



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