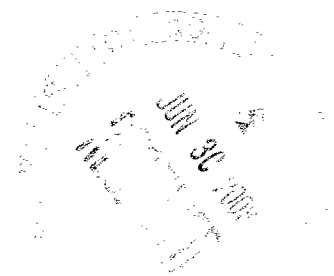


June 21, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Subject: U.S. Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

We are writing this letter to oppose the sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway (EJ&E) to Canadian National Railway (CN).

My family lives in the far northwest corner of Will County, one of the fastest growing areas in Illinois as well as the United States. Our life will be substantially changed if the CN does, in fact, continue with their plan to buy the EJ&E and route train traffic around the Chicago-land area. Our area does not have the infrastructure to bypass long waits for freight train traffic in this area. The amount of roof tops also is a consideration. The traffic is already a major concern here with Illinois Department of Transportation studying ways to bring major routes from two lanes to four lanes with turn lanes to accommodate the increased traffic due to the influx of new development in the past 10 years. If additional train traffic were also added to the calculation, it would take residents a good deal more time to get to their jobs and domestic errands than it already does. Also the train crossing that goes directly behind our subdivision (Brookside on Caton Farm Road, Joliet, Illinois) we believe would increase the amount of train whistles and definitely affect the quality of our life and those of the residents who live along this portion of the EJ&E tracks.

What is the quantity and length of the trains CN is proposing daily, we have heard that those trains can be as long as 2 miles! What is the time that the crossings will be closed typically for a train that long and how often?

We also would like to request that the U.S. Surface Transportation Board extend the period for accepting comments on the sale from 45 days to 120.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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