

September 11, 2008

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

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that my community will be adversely affected by this purchase. New Lenox is located in Will County which is presently one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Adding these trains will add to the congestion in a community which is trying to keep up with the growth as it is. My neighborhood is located on the south side of the EJ&E tracks, where the majority of the growth is taking place. Most of our services such as shopping, schooling, transportation, community services (fire, police and medical) are located on the north side of the EJ&E tracks. Delays at the crossings due to an excessive number of freight trains will impact our lives greatly. All four of our high schools are located on the north side of the tracks which will affect our school system. The new high school which is presently being constructed will be located along these tracks. CN also states that the rerouting of these freight trains into our community will relieve congestion in other counties. I do not believe this statement as I'm sure after the sale is approved the CN will run more trains. More trains, more profits. It is my understanding that CN also does not intend to help with the cost of building under or over passes. Due to the poor economy in the last year my income has decreased, my property values have decreased but my property taxes have increased. Now a foreign company wants me to pay so they can make larger profits. It's absurd! Approving this purchase will be interpreted as our government showing more concern over the profits of a foreign company than the welfare of their citizens.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote NO to the CN.

Sincerely,


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