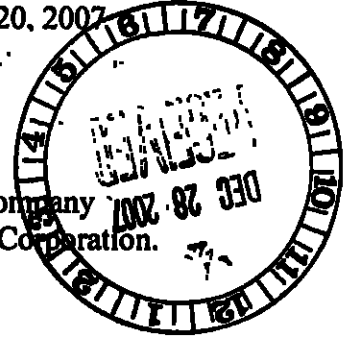


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FD-35087



Subject: Proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company
By Canadian National Railway Corporation and Grand Trunk Corporation.

To the Board:

Please accept this as my notice of interest as a participant in the Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis (SEA) in this matter

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CN's proposal to increase the train starts from EJ&E's current six (6) per day to twenty-four (24) or more will have significant impact on residential quality of life, grade crossing safety, grade crossing noise from locomotive engines and horns, additional air emissions, and vibrations from longer and heavier trains. AN - J 2008
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Automobile, truck and emergency vehicles will also be subjected to additional delays while passing through our community because of the increase in trains, and the time it will take for CN's additional train length of cars to clear each of our grade crossings. This will not only add to highway traffic congestion but will further increase the vehicle emissions into our air while surface traffic is stopped and idling their engines.

Lastly, the risk for grade crossing accidents for vehicle and pedestrian traffic is huge.

Earlier this year I moved from my former home to this residence to escape railroad noise, air emissions, traffic and safety concerns as stated above. If CN is allowed to proceed unchecked with their plans, I will again be faced with the very problems I thought I was leaving behind. E Hunter Harrison recently stated publicly that "It's time that public attention in the Chicago area refocuses on the broad rail transportation efficiency" and "the transaction will require change in a number of communities along the EJ&E" That's easy for him to say because he does not have to live alongside the results of his increased rail tonnage running past his back yard.

Frankfort, IL is a growing residential community with an ever increasing population of children. The risks they will be subjected to by CN's increase in train traffic can have tragic consequences to them and their families.

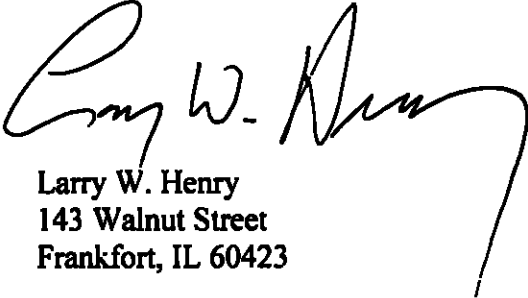
CN's purchase of EJ&E, if allowed, must be conditional on CN satisfying each of the concerns stated within this letter. If they will not do so, the acquisition should be denied or at the very minimum CN should be restricted to the same amount of train starts and train lengths currently being operated over this line by EJ&E.

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Thank you and please keep me informed of your handling of this matter.

Sincerely,



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