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U.S. Surface Transportation Board
 395 E Street SW
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Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball

Environmental Filling - Canadian National / EJ&E Issues
 Reference: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Good Day -

We have lived in unincorporated Naperville on 103rd Street a half-mile east of the EJ&E tracks for 35 years. We were use to the noise and traffic congestion until the EJ&E constructed a siding between 111th Street and Wolf's Crossing Road a few years ago. Now when a train enters or exits the siding the trains must slow down to enter and stop or, of course, slow speed from a stop to exit.

The slow train speed at 111th Street or Wolf's Crossing Road (especially the 3/4 mile unit trains) not only causes traffic congestion but is also a concern for our neighborhood regarding emergency response for fire or medical. Jurisdiction for fire and ambulance is provided by the city of Oswego and all of their fire stations are on the west (wrong) side of the tracks. Response to our neighborhood is limited to crossings at 111th Street or Wolf's Crossing Road. With the proposed increase in the number of trains, this siding will probably be used more often to accommodate schedule conflicts and will compound issues of life safety response.

On a less serious note, train noises caused by dragging brakes during stopping and the

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bang, bang, bang caused by starting a train (taking up the slack of the couplers) and the locomotive engineer's leaning on the train whistle for 60 plus seconds out of frustration of the motorist going around the crossing gates impacts our quality of life.

Thank you for consideration of our concerns and thank you for the additional time afforded us to express our concerns.

With regards,

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