

2-15-08

PHILLIS JOHNSON-BALL / VICKI RUTSON

PHILLIS,

THANKS TO VICKI AND YOU FOR EXTENDING THE EARLIER DEADLINE. THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE HAS RUN NUMEROUS ARTICLES ^{1-31, 2-1, 2-4 & 2-8-08} CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MERGER. IVE ALSO FOUND AN ARTICLE (TRAFFIC COURT NEWS) FROM MY FAMILY'S HOMESTAD COUNTY IN VERY RURAL AND SPARSELY POPULATED CUMBERLAND CO IL. EVEN IN AN EXTREMELY RURAL AND ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA WITH VIRTUALLY NO INDUSTRY BASE AT ALL; ALWAYS NEAR THE BOTTOM OF POOREST COUNTIES IN ILLINOIS, THE CN RR IS A POOR CORPORATE CITIZEN BLOCKING CROSSING GRADES. I CAN ONLY SHUDDER TO THINK OF THE TERRIBLE TRAFFIC JAMS THAT CN WILL CAUSE TO OUR 14 GRADE CROSSINGS IN PLAINFIELD IF THE MERGER IS APPROVED. APPARENTLY THEY ARE ALREADY TRYING TO "PUMP" THEIR LONG TRAINS AND DISADVANTAGE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC, PLEASE PROVIDE ALL ASSISTANCE AS IS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THIS MERGER WILL HAVE VERY NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON OUR TOWNS & CITIES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS. IT IS NOW CONFIRMED THE COYOTE(S) ARE BACK AS I HEARD ONE YELP ^(TWICE) AT 9:45 P.M. LAST SATURDAY. THE SOUND OF THE COYOTE WAS BITTERSWEET!

IVE PROVIDED NUMEROUS PUBLIC FORUM HANDOUTS, AGAIN TO A CROSS-SECTION OF AGE GROUPS AND AM HOPEFUL THEY ALL RESPONDED!

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU AS THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES PORTEIND A DIFFICULT CHALLENGING DECISION MAKING PROCESS. YOU ARE

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