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Submitter's Comments

The proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway Company by the CN Railway Company will have only negative consequences to the people of Barrington and the surrounding areas. The major concerns are:

1. Safety - There are eight (8) railroad crossings involved, three in Barrington with extremely heavy traffic (Illinois Route 59, Illinois Route 14, Lake-Cook Road), three with extremely heavy traffic morning and late afternoon just outside the city limits (Cuba Road, Ela Road and Penny Lane) and two on less trafficked roads (Otis Road and Lake Zurich Road). With the ever increasing number of fatalities at railroad crossings, the increase rail traffic would be a recipe for disaster (more deaths and injuries)
2. Congestion - Route 59, Route 14 and Lake-Cook Road are already very congested, the increased rail traffic would only make the situation worse. Another disaster for the Barrington area.
3. Noise - The increase rail traffic, with the bells/horns continually sounding is nothing but a disruption for anyone living within hearing distance. The increased rail traffic is, to say the least, not people friendly.

In conclusion, I am sure there are better options open to the CN Railway Company which will allow them to meet their business goals without disrupting communities.

STB's Comments

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