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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

Date: 8/27/08

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE "C.N.R.C." PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE THE E.J.E. RAILWAY COMPANY, NOT ONLY FOR THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE BARRINGTON AREA BUT TO ALL COMMUNITIES ALONG THIS RAILWAY. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOUSE AT 409 ELM RD IN JEWEL PARK WE HAD TO DECIDE IF THE "3-5" TRAINS "POSSIBLY" PASSING (ON THE E.J.E.) BEHIND OUR PROPERTY WAS TOLERABLE. A KEY DETERMINANT WAS THE LOW NUMBER OF "POSSIBLE" TRAINS PASSING IN OUR BACK YARD ABOUT 60 YARDS AWAY.

NOW IT HAS BEEN PROJECTED THAT THIS PURCHASE WILL ESCALATE THE ~~RAIL~~ RAIL TRAFFIC BY 400%! THAT IS AT LEAST 20 LONGER FREIGHT TRAINS "PER DAY!" LOOKING BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF SUCH AN INCREASE TO OUR PROPERTY VALUE, ARE THE COLLECTIVE NEGATIVE VALUES TO THE BARRINGTON RESIDENCE REGARDING: SAFETY; ABILITY TO MOVE ABOUT THE AREA EXPEDITIOUSLY, WHETHER ONE IS GOING SHOPPING, GOING TO SCHOOL, RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY SUCH AS A FIRE OR HEALTH ISSUE; AND SAFETY.

WHAT IS BEING RATIONALIZED AS ONLY A FEW COMMUNITIES WILL "SUFFER" WHILE A LARGER NUMBER WILL HAVE A REDUCTION IN TRAIN USAGE, IS THIS NOT THE "SHORT-TERM" VIEWPOINT? CHICAGO/CHICAGO AND THE USA IS EXPANDING IN POPULATION BUT IS STILL SO COMPACTED THAT THESE OTHER VILLAGES WILL QUICKLY FACE THE SAME PROBLEMS.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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