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Phillip Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

This is in regards to the Canadian National Railway Corporation, along with its United States subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation & the filing of their application with the Federal Surface Transportation Board, seeking approval to acquire the E J & E West Company. CN would like to use the E J & E railway as a bypass around the congested rail lines of Chicago's inner ring suburbs. It is estimated that the rail traffic will increase from an average of 16 trains per day to a average of 42 trains per day. CN also has stated that their freight trains will run up to 10,000 feet in length... nearly 2 miles in length.

I stand in OPPOSITION to the proposed acquisition for the following reasons:

- ① There will be a significant delay at railroad crossings on our already congested roads
- ② The safety of these crossings; namely emergency response time as well as the

pressure in these areas in the
 villages, and pollution as the
 ③. Nighthawk village and village
 that we see from the road
 (communities) to and from work, school
 and other activities will also
 feel the impact.

Again, I oppose this agreement

financially,

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