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Environmental Impact Statement



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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

Date: AUGUST 30, 2008

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

This is our 2nd letter to you at the STB. It is necessary because we now have the "other side of the story". Previously we only had the information that obviously favored the CN RR proposal, but now the impact of the sale of EJ&E is more clearly evident. We attended the 8/21/08 public meeting and the presenters information gets to the "real" problems that will affect all of the people and businesses on the EJ&E track to be sold.

When you put a total dollar value to it, it easily can be a negative to those impacted in the billions of dollars in a few years time. Without question property values will decrease, taxes to us all will increase, health of the environment will be negative, business will leave the area, people will stop shopping & working here along the route, traffic will be stopped on average every hour during day & night for over 24 trains, safety to pedestrians, children walking to school, feeding school children over 800 RR crossings per day, emergency trip to Good Shepherd Hospital delayed could cause death, water & gas per supply fouled by a spill, chemical dangers, etc, etc, etc.

This sale must be stopped NOW!! The CN RR doesn't propose to mitigate the cost of their purchase -- they are a private corp and only interested in "bottom line profit" -- not what our communities are all about,

Do not allow those who hope to transfer their problem being passed to another community -- Not a gain when put on the backs of others.

Thank you,

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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