

September 17, 2008

Ms Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway's Proposed Acquisition of EJ&E Railway in Illinois

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball:

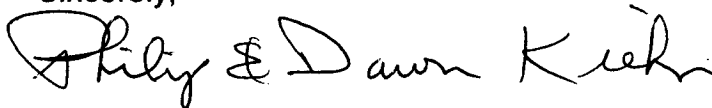
The Canadian National Railway is proposing to acquire the EJ&E Railway that runs through the southern suburbs of Chicago (Frankfort, New Lennox, Mokena, Park Forest to name several). They propose to increase the number of trains from 6 to 28 per day on tracks that run east and west parallel to and between Laraway Road and U.S. Rt 30. The trains would be longer, with larger engines and contain 600% more hazardous materials than currently travel through our communities. Beside the fact that these trains will be cutting our road access for emergencies, school bus travel, and our ability to get to work in a timely manner, the draft EIS suggests STB will only require Canadian National to pay 5-10% of the cost of over/underpasses required to mitigate some of these problems. This is **outrageous!!**

Why should U.S. taxpayers pick up the bill for the bulk of this cost? This foreign railroad reported profits of more than \$2 billion last year on revenues of \$8 billion. This is obscene. Even the oil companies don't have profit margins that high.... and this railroad company wants **us** to pick up the tab for over/underpasses??

Please be responsible and require that Canadian National pay for all of the costs associated with building these overpasses and underpasses, **not** U.S. citizens.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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