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**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: 8-27-08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

The STB's Draft report was completely inadequate and incomplete. It is very disappointing to see govt. organizations not look out for its voters & taxpayers.

1st This transaction is against common sense. The line was "underutilized" in CN opinions for a reason. The cost of infrastructure to a manageable level is enormous. Building Bridges, underpasses and all necessary upgrades will cost over \$2 Billion. Apparently the Govt. thinks it OK for the taxpayers to fund.

What other corporations have the govt fund \$2 billion in. As a voter & political donor this will be remembered at the polls.

Does the STB think people are stupid? Does a Corp pay 300 million to run capacity in a more efficient pattern? NO, this is an expansion of capacity. They will lease or continue to run trains through there current lines after their 3 year time expires.

The following deficiencies were noted.

- Noise tests up to EPA standards
- Cost not adequately considered to communities, when building new freight stations

There is no adequate reason to increase freight traffic. This is a short line not Class 1.

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