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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

Date: 8/25/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I believe that the DEIS is wrong to only consider 15 grade crossings in the report. There are at least 5 in FRANKFORT alone. At a cost of 40 million to install a bridge or ~~up~~ upgrade a crossing the CN's proposal is woefully inadequate. The DEIS study is based on traffic studies/projections only until 2015. The Northeast Planning Commission projects Frankfort's population to be 55,000 by 2030. Therefore, it is a major flaw in the Draft EIS not to consider population growth in the affected areas. The speed of trains running thru Frankfort is estimated at 45 mph; personal observation is that speeds are more likely 15-30 mph. Therefore, the Draft EIS should reconsider the time it would realistically take to clear any crossing. Also why is there a speed differential - perhaps due to a poor maintenance of the tracks?

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