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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

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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

THE EXISTING CNR RIGHT-OF-WAYS HAVE HAD 50 TO 100 YEARS TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE TO MITIGATE RAIL TRAFFIC. DECISIONS REGARDING SIGNAL PLACEMENT, SAFETY FACILITIES PLACEMENT WERE MADE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXISTING RAIL TRAFFIC. IN THE EJE CORRIDOR, THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS DID NOT HAVE BENEFIT OF THIS KNOWLEDGE.

ADDITIONALLY, TOWNS AND PEOPLE MADE DECISIONS ON THE EXISTING CNR RIGHT-OF-WAYS MADE DECISIONS KNOWING THE REALITY OF RAIL TRAFFIC AND BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM BEING ON THOSE TRACKS. ON THE EJE RIGHT-OF-WAY, PEOPLE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE GROWTH IN TRAFFIC.

SO IT IS NOT A MATTER OF JUST TRANSFERRING THE SITUATION FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, ITS MORE LIKE HAVING A HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAM WITH NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT TAKE OVER FOR AN EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM IN A GAME. THERE BOTH TEAMS NOT EQUAL.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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