

September 19, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, IL, our community will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, so I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

There is the issue of safety, but along with that comes the increased noise and air pollution-diesel emissions, and idling vehicles waiting for the trains to pass.

Also, being south of the railroad tracks, the length and amount of trains cut off our ability to get to a hospital and receive any emergency medical attention. As a taxpayer, we have the right to emergency treatment at the nearby hospital but with all the trains, which includes length and number of trains, it is virtually impossible.

To add to this, our roads are not capable of all the traffic this is going to create on the one road that is passable under a viaduct (which is in need of some major repairs). Why do we, as taxpayers have to pay for viaducts and bridges for something we don't want in our neighborhoods anyway?

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the CN. What if this was your neighborhood????

Sincerely,

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