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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

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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

Please take into consideration the negative impact the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line will have on Barrington's population and resources before making your decision. Although the residents of Barrington risk the loss of lives, property, access, income, health and peace of mind (or quality of life in many aspects), the benefits of this proposal will only serve to increase profitability for Canadian National. Proximity of tracks to schools and major traffic routes will block/snarl potential security and emergency relief services, create additional risks of hazardous materials exposure to residents/environment/resources (especially water sources), and increase risk of collisions and accidents.

Increased traffic delays will also negatively impact community businesses, create additional auto pollution due to more vehicle idling time, and lower property values. For a number of residents, their home in Barrington is their primary asset, and losing values, especially in our present economy can be devastating! And CNR is not offering to offset mitigation and costs to the community realistically. This proposal needs to be reassessed. Yes, Canadian National should be allowed to pursue more efficent routes, but not at the expense of life and property of our residents and their families!

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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