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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: 9/18/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my deepest concerns relative to CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E rail line. While I can appreciate the need to address improved transportation routing of goods in/around the Chicago area I can not support it at the cost of safety & public welfare to our community and all communities effected by this proposed acquisition. The current environmental analysis greatly under estimates the volume of trains that would be on this line over the next 5-10-20 yrs. 80 two mile trains in 2 yrs alone - what will the future hold. Recently I had to deal with a medical emergency and get to the local community hospital Advocate Good Shepherd. I made it there in approx 7 minutes. With the projected # trains coming under CN there is no way I could count on that timeline and as such myself and my family's medical responsiveness is at great risk. I have 2 school aged children who I am very concerned for relative to their safety crossing tracks by foot or bike. given the projected volume of trains. The ~~the~~ loss of one child's life cannot and should not be tolerated in this environment and that is my biggest fear. We do not and will not have the proper safety plans in place to address this for yrs and the funding of those plans/mitigation is unknown anyway. Please, please I urge the STB to seriously question this proposed acquisition for all the aforementioned reasons.

Regards, Steve Lenz

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