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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.

Sixty Metra trains currently stop in Barrington Monday through Friday. Another five pass through but do not stop. Metra has plans to run even more commuter trains through our town and I don't know how many freight lines use these tracks, but some do pass through town.

Because of the delays and traffic tie-ups these trains cause, plus the delays caused by current usage on the EJ&E line, Barrington merchants struggle to survive.

Several schools are located in town, hundreds of buses, cars and children walking to school must cross these sets of tracks.

The local hospital is in the northwest Barrington area and the majority of its patients must cross tracks to reach it. Getting quickly to a hospital can be critical.

If the EJ and E is bought by the Canadian National, and more freight trains are sent through Barrington, I think the viability of Barrington as a community, and the safety of its citizens will be in jeopardy.

The consequences of a toxic spill on our wells (and we all depend on them) could be catastrophic.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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