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RE: Proposed Sale of EJ&E Railroad to Canadian National Railroad
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

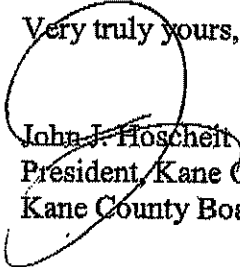
Dear Mr. Nottingham:

I am writing this letter to voice my objection to the proposed sale of the EJ&E Railroad to the Canadian National Railroad and further to request your support in attempting to prohibit this transaction from closing. If this transaction were to close, the result would be a significant negative environmental impact for the residents of DuPage and Kane Counties.

As you know, we are located in one of the fastest growing areas of the country. In an attempt to accommodate that growth, we have dedicated millions of dollars in maintaining and improving an efficient transportation system. We have also invested hundreds of millions of dollars in attempting to preserve and maintain open space so that the quality of life in Kane and DuPage Counties can be maintained. If the Canadian National Railroad purchase of the EJ&E Railroad goes through, the resulting expedient increase in freight train traffic will create impenetrable bottlenecks in our transportation system which could only be resolved by the investment of hundreds of millions of additional dollars in building overpasses at the existing at-grade crossings. The increased freight train traffic would also disrupt and/or destroy the serene atmosphere in a number of Forest Preserve sites including the pristine Pratt Wayne Forest Preserve located in Wayne, Illinois.

As a Representative of Kane County Forest District 12, the President of the Kane County Forest Preserve District, and a resident of the St. Charles/Wayne community, I hereby request that you use every avenue available to you to see that the request for approval of the sale be withheld. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


John J. Hoscheit
President, Kane County Forest Preserve District
Kane County Board Member, District 12

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