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Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson -Ball:

As a resident of Frankfort, Illinois, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, 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 .

I strongly believe that this will not be good for the safety and well being of my community. I understand that the children of the community cross these tracks several times a day going to and from school and to there many activities.

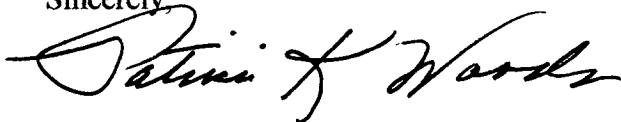
We are a fire protection district and even though there is one fire house available to the south of the tracks the neighboring communities would be unable to assist if there were trains blocking the crossings in the case of emergencies.

Why is a Canadian Company being given these advantages? Why are they not being made to make concessions to the communities that are being negatively impacted? We do not want this purchase.

We are a small community. We do not have the ability to handle major problems regarding an old railroad line that is located basically in people's back yards.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendations and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia K. Woods", written in a cursive style.