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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

CN | EJ&E

Environmental Impact Statement

Date: 8-25-08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

My concerns are primarily twofold:

1) The CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ+E tracks is claimed by the CN to "alleviate Chicago as a bottleneck" to railroad traffic. Why are they acting independently of "CREATE"? Why are they not working with the other carriers to resolve the regional traffic issues through CREATE? It seems to me that their plan to move product from a new port in Prince Rupert B.C. around Chicago to points south is only for their benefit and not for America's benefit and certainly not to the citizens of Frankfort's benefit.

2) Historically local units of government paid the lion's share of infrastructure improvements. This dates back to the early 1800's. In order to get railroads to lay tracks ~~or~~ into the frontier, Governments gave the railroads incentives, like this one, to do so. The frontier (sp) has long been closed in Illinois The CN is going to gain the most (profits) from this acquisition, if it goes through. Shouldn't they pay the most. I am tired of "capitalists / free trade" companies like the CN act like socialists when it comes to paying for projects that benefit their company, primarily.

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