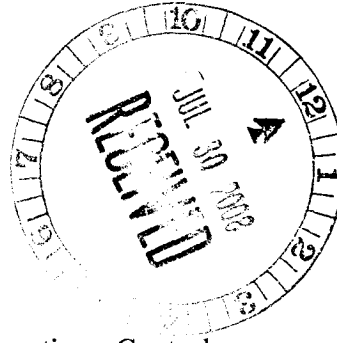


The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001



Docket # 35087

Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation - Control-
EJ & E West Company

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

The CN projects rail traffic to increase from 15.7 to 42.3 trains per day on the rail segment that runs along Naperville's western boundary. This increased train traffic presents significant challenges to the quality of life of our residents and businesses. Until the following concerns are addressed, I oppose the CN as currently structured:

- Traffic Congestion: At-grade crossings along the EJ & E are strategic links within the region for the movement of residents, employees and goods. US Route 34 (Ogden Avenue) is a major state highway linking several communities and carrying approximately 45,000 vehicles each day. The increase in train traffic will only increase delay, congestion, and emissions at this intersection unless the CN is forced to grade separate the highest volume crossings along the line.
- STAR Line: Communities have invested millions of dollars in support of the STAR Line commuter rail service which will decrease congestion in the region through intersuburban commuter rail. The CN acquisition should not impact the future of the STAR Line from a cost or feasibility perspective.
- Increased Train Traffic Noise: I am very concerned for the noise impacts based on increased train traffic. This includes engine noise and surface vibration. The city is also in the process of establishing a quiet zone and does not want to see the quiet zone status at risk due to this transaction.
- Potential Costs to Communities and the State of Illinois: As currently proposed, communities will face enormous costs to offset the impacts of the increase in train traffic. The regions businesses and residents should not shoulder the costs of CN's operational efficiency.
- Increased Frequency of Hazardous Material Hauling: CN's estimate of 43 carloads per day growing to 380 carloads per day is a serious concern. The STB must ensure that the CN's safety programs can effectively manage any hazardous materials issues.

The impacts to residents and businesses along the EJ & E line are real and should not be dismissed through the consideration of this transaction. Please consider these concerns as a letter of opposition to the CN acquisition of the EJ & E as currently structured.

Sincerely,

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Date: July 24, 2008

I recently attended a couple of meetings regarding the purchase of EJ & E by Canadian National Railway. I can't believe our country would allow something like this to happen to the people of this country. We live in this community you do not. This impact from this purchase will not affect you but us that live here. As it is the traffic is so terrible in this area and now this purchase will increase it tremendously.

As you sit there and determine our fate you should take a good look and see if you would want the same impact on yourselves. Now we have a bigger fear of chemical spills, car accidents all for whom? The Canadian company who will profit from this not the United States of America.

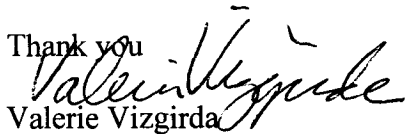
My parents are immigrants that came to this great country for opportunity to live a healthy and free life. Now we have boards that determine how everything is done by how much money someone will give them to make things happen. Are there any morals left in this great country. Apparently not. You should be ashamed. I am sure that if it was in your backyard you would be fighting this also but is not.

With this purchase pending it has me considering putting my house up for sale because the train tracks are only 8 blocks from my home. As it is our property taxes have sky rocketed and with this sale I am sure that the increase will be significant.

I hope that this board will truly take a look at how this really effects people and not there pockets.

I will keep fighting for this sale NOT to go through. That is what America is all about!! Freedom to speak. The Canadian do not live here we do.

Thank you



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