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Message: A RESIDENT ACTUALLY FOR THE CN / EJ&E MERGER

I live less than 1/4 mile from the EJ&E line and I am FOR letting CN acquire the EJ&E and increase freight traffic substantially.

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Our country was built on the free flow of goods & services through interstate commerce and government, whether local or national, should not stand in the way of progress.

Those against this proposal are people who want the benefits but have a "not-in-my-backyard" attitude. The Village of Barrington complains about their traffic congestion, yet are totally unwilling to widen Illinois State Highway 59 or to increase their self-imposed 25 mile per hour speed limit to a more reasonable 35 or so for a major north-south artery. They have done nothing as well about mitigating the effects of commuter rail congestion on the roadways by moving the train station or other means. In my opinion, increased traffic on the EJ&E lines will decrease safety and quality of life little, if any. What this community, and I expect others, needs is a comprehensive plan to alleviate current problems and plan for the future. Please think of the big picture of interstate commerce and use of infrastructure to its best advantage. Residents that live near rail lines knew it was there when they built or purchased & governments knew it when they built fire stations, hospitals, etc. Their ignorance and arrogance is no reason to abort or substantially change this merger.

Regards, Don Kent