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Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

To Whom It May Concern:

1/29/08

My name is John Bird. I'm appealing my reasons why not to approve this train increase on the EJE railroad that runs through my backyard.

First, the noise amounts would be disastrous. I, as do many people living in this neighborhood, do not need nor want a train running through our backyards at two o'clock in the morning. Not everyone in this neighborhood is a heavy sleeper, and the noise that the whistles make could keep us awake until morning, therefore tiring us out for the rest of the day. Therefore, if this sale were to go through, I ask for the train whistles to stop blowing between the hours of 9 o'clock P.M. and 7 o'clock A.M., therefore giving my neighbors and myself time to sleep and become awake without having the shock of a shirking train whistle awaking us at extremely early hours in the morning.

Next, as an asthmatic, the increased pollution levels will no doubt affect my asthma. Not only will this pollution affect the people that live around here, it will also effect the mass amounts of wildlife that use these areas as their homes. Just the other day, a beautiful fox walked through my backyard. I cannot imagine my neighborhood being without these creatures. They would either disappear or die due to the increased amounts of toxins released by the trains. With this said, I believe that if this sale were to go through, some sort of environmental precaution should be taken to keep the air, for people and animals alike, clean as possible. As I'm only a fifteen year-old, I have no idea what could be done to do this, but I'm confident that something can and must be done if this sale were to go through.

Finally, the effect that these trains would have on the commute times would be nothing short of chaos. Not just for the regular commuters driving to work, who's times would be expanded greatly if they were held by a train that could now run for however long it wants to. But for official vehicles, such as police cars and ambulances as well. Imagine if some ambulance was carrying a person who needed immediate medical attention. The only problem is that a train is running along the route to the hospital, and there is only one bridge on the route to that hospital. If this sale is to go through, more bridges must be built to curve the traffic problems for everyone's benefit.

I know as a fifteen year old, my opinion may or may not matter. But I have tried to show that this sale could go through if some minor changes were made to train whistles, pollution issues, and traffic curving. I hope that you can attempt to make these requests possible.

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Sincerely,

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