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STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

To Whom It May Concern:

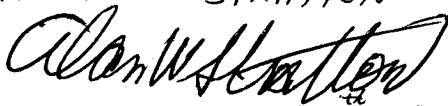
We are apposed to the acquisition of the EJ&E by the Canadian National Railway for some of the following reasons:

- 1) Due to the lack of enough underpasses/overpasses, fire, police and emergency vehicles/services would experience delays that would put human life and property in jeopardy. The cost of building an adequate number of underpasses/overpasses would be a tremendous burden on the taxpayers.
- 2) The proposal will increase train traffic from 4-6 trains a day to a minimum of 28 trains each day with no cap. This will cause massive delays (by some estimate 5.75 hrs. each day) that will adversely effect our communities and our quality of life.
- 3) The transporting of hazardous materials will increase drastically through our communities where we live and our children play and go to school. We will all be put at risk.
- 4) The extra trains will clearly lower the value of property adjacent to the tracks and potentially lower property values in the whole area.

These are only a few of the reasons that we are opposed to this purchase.

Please act responsibly and put the people first.

PLEASE SAY, "NO" TO CN.

Sincerely,
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P.S.

We understand that trains could be re-routed 50 miles south into an area that is relatively unpopulated.