



Environmental Impact Statement

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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. 35087Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

My house is very close to the EJ+E tracks - less than 200 feet away. The purchase of the EJ and E by CN is obviously very important to myself and my family. I am very concerned with the cavalier attitude CN has demonstrated thus far. They seem to be rushing the process, trying to pressure quick approval of the purchase and have not been forthcoming with long term projections for use of the EJ+E. Additionally, CN has demonstrated a horrible safety record, most recently receiving the lowest possible rating in Canada.

I am concerned about general safety complications resulting from this purchase. Barrington does not have sufficient fire/police coverage on both sides of the tracks, thus resulting in significant EMS delays with increased train traffic. The DERIS admits some communities will have substantial effects to EMS response, but offers no suggestions or solutions to this problem. The Barrington EMS is stretched enough by the rural nature of our towns, the increased train traffic will only compound this. Additionally, my son attends District 220 school and rides the bus. Increased train traffic will increase the chances of accidents with school buses and all passenger cars.

Finally, I believe this purchase will only benefit CN. Taxpayers will be left paying for crossing upgrades and will be left with the increased safety and environmental hazards. Goods will travel →

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on these rails from Canada, straight to the Gulf of Mexico, to be shipped outside of the USA. There will be no benefit to the Barrington area, nor to the USA in general.

Please consider these issues ~~to be~~ when deciding about this purchase!