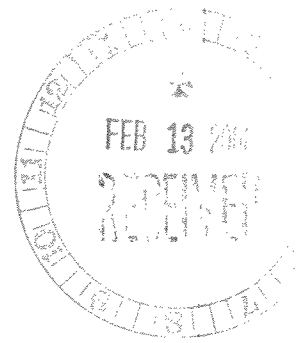




February 7, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan, Esq., Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Honorable Anne Quinlan:

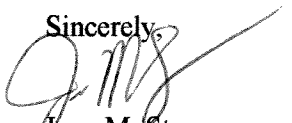
The environmental impacts of nearly 20 miles of new railway and increased operations will be significant! As such, I hope that the Board does not rush the review process. As part of the review process, I am sure the Board will come to understand that the suburbs that will be affected by the acquisition have developed around a freight line with approximately ten trains a day passing through. Our land use means that we cross the tracks multiple times daily for school, community, health care, work, and recreational activities. The negative impacts of our route blocked approximately ten minutes an hour are immeasurable.

My concerns are numerous and include construction, noise, air quality, storm water management and traffic impacts. However, safety and security remain at the top of my list.

- Will our children be safe in their classrooms and schoolyards with hazardous material rolling by?
- If the soil is contaminated along the alignment, will contaminants be airborne during construction?
- Are there underground gas lines within the alignment that will make construction dangerous?
- Will the probability of accidents at grade crossings increase with an increase in train traffic?
- How detrimental to emergency response will wait time at grade crossings be?
- How can CN ensure that their tanks will withstand an accident or derailment?
- Are derailments more likely with the double tracks? Will switching be allowed?
- Will storage tracks be allowed near residences or schools?
- Are terrorist activities considered due to the dangerous chemicals transported?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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