



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

The proposed purchase of EJE by CN is in some ways a good idea, but in other ways it is not! The EJE tracks have been at the end of our block for all of the 30 years we have lived in Barrington and the historic traffic volume has not been a problem. The expansion planned by CN will create problems.

- As a trustee of the Village Police Board, I am concerned that Public Safety coverage will be compromised. The Village will be divided frequently, a long period so that Fire, Police and EMS coverage will be hurt. The local Hospital will be blocked for EMS calls. Also, this village is not equipped for HazMat spills, which CN has experienced elsewhere.
- Multiple surface crossings and multiple trains on the proposed CN and the U.P.S.F. systems will create gridlock - not only for vehicular but the train traffic as well.
- The roadbed of the EJE is old and was not built for the proposed volume or weights suggested. We fear that vibration created by trains will damage the foundations of many homes.
- The commercial district of Barrington will suffer irreparable damage as the customer base is forced to find other more convenient areas to shop.

Please review this application very carefully, as the future of this village - and others - hangs in the balance.

Surface Transportation Board

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Date Rec'd:

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Scanned (Initial):

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Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

STB E-File

City, State, Zip: Barrington, IL 60010

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Date: JANUARY 15, 2008