

January 24, 2008

To Whom It May Concern at the Surface Transportation Board regarding finance Docket No. 35087,

The Homeowners in the Lakewood Mill subdivision of Bartlett, Illinois adamantly oppose the Canadian National Railway Company's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company. Our subdivision is immediately west of the railway off of West Bartlett Road. The impact this railway has for our homeowners at its current capacity is already more than just an inconvenience and nuisance. At the Canadian Railway Company's proposed capacity, this railway has the potential to be life threatening and at the very least life altering.

Below, we have outlined our 4 immediate concerns:

1. **Safety.** Officials say we are 14 minutes from the nearest hospital, St. Alexis in Hoffman Estates. With the proposed increase in railway traffic, the amount of time it would take to get to the hospital would certainly increase. This would also hinder any kind of emergency personnel from reaching our homes when we need them. Even the new Fire Station just east of the railway won't be close enough if a train is blocking the road. In any true emergency, time is of the essence. Every minute counts when your house is on fire or your child has been seriously injured or your husband is having a heart attack. Every minute counts. Trains pass by us slowly. 23 trains will certainly prevent emergency personnel from assisting us and possibly saving lives.
2. **Health/Air pollution.** Freight trains burn diesel fuel. The more trains that run by here the more diesel fuel we breathe. Diesel fumes are one of the leading causes in the increase in childhood asthma. Between the truck traffic on West Bartlett Road and the current railway traffic along this line, our children cannot afford to breathe any more diesel.
3. **Traffic.** While CN may not see traffic as a major issue, most of our homeowners have been impacted by the current railway capacity by being late to work, school, the doctor, pick our children up from practice. An increase in railway traffic of this magnitude would make it nearly impossible for those of us west of the railway to get to the east side of Bartlett. This is where we shop for food, attend community events, take our families to the dentist or doctor. Just about anywhere we need to go is on the other side of those tracks.
4. **Noise pollution.** Hearing 5 trains rumble and blow their horns each day is annoying and disruptive. Canadian National is proposing 4 or 5 times that many trains. For the homeowners immediately next to the railway the proposed capacity will make it nearly impossible to be outside or have their windows open in nice weather. This will certainly affect their quality of life and the value of their home.

It is our hope that the STB seriously consider our concerns. We implore you to think about the real people this acquisition will affect on a daily and seemingly hourly basis. We urge you to consider our safety and health issues. When you have done all that, it is our opinion that the only conclusion you can make in your Environmental Impact Analysis is that this acquisition will negatively impact our community and others so immensely that you cannot allow this transaction to be completed.

On the pages that follow are the signatures of 133 homeowners in Lakewood Mill who were available to sign this letter.

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