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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.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY. THE RESULT WILL BE AN INVESTMENT IN THE RAIL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH WILL HELP DE-BOTTLENECK THE REGION'S TRANSPORTATION AND ASSIST IN THE AREA'S COMPETITIVENESS BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. THE EJE IS CURRENTLY AN UNDERUTILIZED ASSET WHICH HAS NOT ATTAINED ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE AS A BELT LINE RAILROAD TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE CHICAGO AREA.

SOME LOCAL INCONVENIENCE WILL RESULT, PARTICULARLY WHERE THE INCREASED RAIL TRAFFIC HAS LEVEL GRADE CROSSINGS WITH ROADS. TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SEPARATION AND SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW, OVERPASSES, UNDERPASSES, OR A RAISED TRACK BED SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHERE APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY, CONSIDERING THE ECONOMICS. COST SHARING OR GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY SHOULD BE EXPLORED. THIS WAS DONE IN THE 19TH CENTURY ALONG STRETCHES OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL, MILWAUKEE ROAD, AND CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILROADS. THIS HELPED CHICAGO ATTAIN ITS STATUS AS A TRANSPORTATION HUB AND SHOULD BE DONE AGAIN IF THAT STATUS IS TO BE MAINTAINED.

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

Date Rcvd: _____

Name: _____

HDR File No: _____

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Address: _____

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

Signature (Initial): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cc: Original - Job File

Date: _____

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