

The Village of South Barrington

Forwarded by: Linda Hooker, Executive Secretary

Village of South Barrington

RESOLUTION 2008- 857

**A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF
THE EJ&E TRACKS BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY CORPORATION
(SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD – FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35087)**

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Corporation, along with its U.S. subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation (collectively, "CN"), filed an application with the federal Surface Transportation Board ("STB") seeking approval to acquire the EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (collectively, "EJ&E"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition by CN would involve shifting a significant amount of train traffic that currently moves over CN's rail lines in the City of Chicago to sections of the EJ&E rail lines west and south of the City of Chicago, including a segment that run adjacent to the Village of South Barrington, and

WHEREAS, the increase in freight train traffic resulting from the proposed acquisition by CN will create adverse impacts on the communities along the EJ&E rail line, including increased noise and vehicle travel delays; and

WHEREAS, CN estimates that if the proposed transaction takes place, that the average number of daily trains that run along the segment of the EJ&E rail line that run adjacent to South Barrington will increase from 5.5 to 23.5 trains per day; and

WHEREAS, Penny Road and Old Sutton Road are two county highways that run through and/or adjacent to the Village of South Barrington and intersect with the EJ&E rail line that runs north and south adjacent to the Village at at-grade rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, the increased amount of train traffic will interfere with the motoring public, which includes the 3,760 residents of the Village of South Barrington who reside near the EJ&E rail line, and use Penny Road and Old Sutton Road; and

WHEREAS, the projected increased volume of train traffic and rail related operations will result in more frequent blockage of the at-grade crossing at Penny Road and Old Sutton Road, will negatively impact emergency vehicle access and result in longer emergency response times; and

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WHEREAS, the increased train traffic will significantly increase the noise level in the community and there are 392 homes in the process of being constructed in the Woods of South Barrington that will be impacted by the increase noise levels from the trains on the EJ&E tracks that are located in proximity to the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the increased freight traffic will increase the amount of chemical and hazardous materials that will be transported through environmentally sensitive areas and near residential developments and thus increase the potentially of hazardous chemical spills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE President and Board of Trustees of the Village of South Barrington, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1 That the Village of South Barrington asks that the Section of Environmental Analysis (the "SEA") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "STB") include and incorporate the issues, concerns and comments of the Village of South Barrington set forth in this Resolution in the scope of study for the draft Environmental Impact Study and final Environmental Impact Study (collectively, the "EIS"), and that said comments and concerns be considered and addressed in the EIS, and the STB.

SECTION 2 The Village of South Barrington does hereby formally object to the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E by CN, and urges the Surface Transportation Board to disapprove of the proposed transaction based on the negative impact it will have on the Village of South Barrington, its residents, and the region.

SECTION 3 The Village Clerk shall file a copy of this Resolution with the STB.

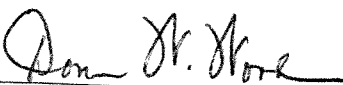
SECTION 4 EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

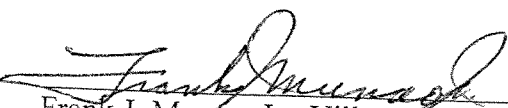
PASSED: This 23rd day of January, 2008

APPROVED: This 23rd day of January, 2008

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Donna W. Wood, Village Clerk


Frank J. Munao, Jr., Village President