



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?

- **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.

In regards to STB Finance docket No. 35087, this proposal is very impractical from all levels, personally, financially, community and environmentally, city, state and nationally based. From a personal level it may currently take 10-15 minutes to travel less than 1/4 mile with the current train schedule. I live 1 mile from the hospital but it could take up to 20-30 minutes for an ambulance to get to the hospital if the train is delayed and blocks the intersection. How irresponsible a life impacting should you have to wait for 40 trains a day to pass. Also these trains may be up to 10,000 feet long so each intersection may take more than 20 minutes to pass. Who pays for the lost wages if you are late to work? Who pays to have the crossings maintained & to have the roads improved in order to handle to 40 train a day increase? These monies will be required from the taxpayers of each city, the taxpayers of each state and from Congress at the National level. We are in a recession and the money is just not available. How many lives will be lost due to car/train accidents? How many communities will be impacted by derailed trains? Is Canadian National willing to and able to absorb all of these costs? Environmentally who will monitor the noise? Who will handle the pollution and what impact will the increased rail traffic have on land values, animals & vegetation. I believe this was a poorly thought out and unreasonable idea to purchase EJ&E. There is no financial gain only financial loss in this decision. Please reconsider & cease pursuing the purchase of EJ&E.

Thank you!

Surface Transportation Board

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

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

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