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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: Aug. 27, 2008

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

THE PUBLIC IS ESSENTIALLY DISENFRANCHISED WITH REGARD TO DECISIONS MADE BY THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD BECAUSE THE CHARTER AND PURPOSE OF THE STB, WHICH DATES TO THE 1800'S, DOES NOT OBLIGATE IT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACTS. THE ERA OF RAILROAD ROBBER BARONS LIVES ON IN THE WORKINGS OF THE STB!

MY EXPECTATION IS THAT THE STB WILL APPROVE THE CN PURCHASE OF THE EJ&E, BUT THAT DECISION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED IN COURT. AT THE SAME TIME, I EXPECT THAT LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED TO CHANGE THE CHARTER OF THE STB TO BRING IT INTO THE 21ST CENTURY BY REQUIRING IT TO CONSIDER LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF ITS DECISIONS.

I URGE THE STB TO ACT COURAGEOUSLY BY ANTICIPATING THE ABOVE EVENTS AND CONDUCTING A TRULY COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY THAT INCORPORATES QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH WHICH THE EJ&E PASSES.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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