



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

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Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

GOOD MORNING PHILLIS + VICKI;

I MUCH ENJOYED VISITING WITH EACH OF YOU DURING THE PUBLIC FORUM IN JOLIET EARLIER THIS MONTH. SINCE THEN I HAVE GONE TO SEVERAL HOUSES OF RESIDENTS IN MY SUBDIVISION WITH DIVERSE AGE GROUP DEMOGRAPHICS. IN A WORD, THE RESIDENTS ARE SCARED. EARTH TOOK COPIES OF THE MATERIALS AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RESPONDING. I'M COLLECTING THOSE WITHOUT E-MAIL WHO ARE TOWARDS THE END OF THE DUE DATE. I TRUST ALL RESPONSES WILL STICK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. I WILL NOT READ THEIR RESPONSES. HOPEFULLY FEW WILL DECIDE TO SELL THEIR HOMES BUT AT 44 TRAINS DAILY NO ONE COULD BLAME THEM. I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT AS A GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS OUR COMMENTS WILL MITIGATE THIS MAXIMUM NUMBER AND MAXIMUM INCREASE. I HAVE LEARNED THAT PLAINFIELD, OUR SUBDIVISION IS IN PLAINFIELD TWP HAS 14 GRADE CROSSINGS. THE COUNTY POPULATION OF OVER 600,000* (646,000?) IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE 18% OVER THE NEXT DECADE WITH MOST CONCENTRATED IN FARMLAND CONVERSIONS WHICH IS PLAINFIELD TWP'S FORTÉ. AS THE EJE IS A SHORT LINE RR AND CN A NORTH AMERICAN RR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES WOULD BE SEVERE. USING THE LINE BASICALLY AS A YARD WOULD RESULT IN EXTREME LOSS OF SUITABLE HABITAT FOR PROTECTED FEDERAL WETLANDS SUCH AS

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EXIST WITHIN 300 FEET OF MY PROPERTY LINE, NOISE WOULD BE VERY DISRUPTIVE FOR THE HERON ROOKERY AT LAKE RENWICK AS WELL, QUALITY OF LIVE FOR BIRDS, AQUATIC LIFE AND HUMANS WOULD BE VERY DEGRADED, EVEN NOW DRIVERS CANNOT USE SIDE ROADS TO AVOID CONGESTION AND WITH A CONTINUING SPIKE IN POPULATION EXPECTED TO KEEP WILL BE IN THE TOP 10 OR TOP 15 COUNTRIES FOR GROWTH NATIONWIDE AN INCREASE OF 27 TRAINS DAILY WOULD EFFECTIVELY MAKE OUR AREA AND SUBDIVISION A PARIAH TO VISIT OR LIVE IN, AM I TO LOSE THE PILEATED WOODPECKER WHO VISITS MY BACK YARD? AT LAST CHECK THE COYOTES WERE STILL ALONG THE TRACKS AND I BELIEVE I SAW THEIR TRACKS WHERE I SET OUT FRUITS (BANANAS) DAILY, ITS ALWAYS GONE IN THE A.M., I WOULD LIKE BOTH OF YOU TO KNOW MY FAMILY IS INVOLVED IN BALANCING THE NEEDS OF WILDLIFE AND THOSE OF PEOPLE, LAST YEAR MY PARENTS SET ASIDE 13 ACRES AS A WILDLIFE REFUGE IN AN AREA IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, I'VE ASSISTED WHEN THEY ARE SPOTTING BIRDS FOR THE STATE DNR, (CHICAGO TRIBUNE (1-22-09)

(GOVERNMENT) CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1-10-08
MR. KVEDARAS, SR. MGR. V.S. PUBLIC + ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IS QUOTED IN PRINT AND ON T.V. 1-22-08 STATING A BALANCE IS NEEDED ON # OF TRAINS PER COMMUNITY. BUFFALO GROVE IL GOING FROM 19 TO 2 AND OUR SUBDIVISION AND LAKE RENWICK GOING FROM 18 TO 44 IS OUT OF BALANCE, PLEASE HELP MITIGATE OUR MAXIMUM INCREASE SO I HAVE A CHANCE OF FIND A WAY TO

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GET THE FREES OUT OF MY BACK STOOP? TAKE CARE,
MAKE CN DO THEIR HOMEWORK?

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Comments: HOPE ALL IS WELL, MY COMMENTS FOLLOW ON THE

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