

September 1, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20425

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I have been made aware of the impact that the take over of the EJ & E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad will have on my community of Frankfort, Illinois, and on me personally since my house is located about 150 feet from the present tracks. I am writing to you with heartfelt concern for our family home and for this community that we have come to love over the years. We moved to our present home because of our desire to live in this quiet, little, historic Midwest town that is full of 1890's charm. We live in a historic house that is located at the edge of town, and we have created a bird sanctuary with extensive landscaping and gardening in our backyard.

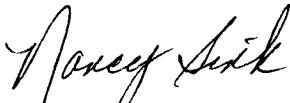
We currently have approximately six trains that pass behind our house in 24 hours. The frequency and length of these trains do not usually cause extreme noise, vibration or pollution. The trains that presently pass our house each day have not negatively impacted our lives. However, it is clear from the Environmental Impact Report that if the sale of the EJ & E to CN is approved, the number of trains and size of the trains will increase significantly.

- This increase will destroy our little town by creating serious noise and air pollution (especially for those of us who live near the RR Tracks).
- It will create long delays for travel into, out of, and through our town because we have six grade locations where trains will constantly be crossing intersections.
- It will have serious implications for the police and fire departments that will be delayed by long trains when responding to an emergency.
- It will delay children's school busses, and delay emergency service to our schools throughout the day.
- It will have a negative impact on the thirty parks and eighteen forest preserves in and around our town.
- Last but not least, it will cause our taxes to increase to pay for the necessary upgrades at the six crossings, and will significantly lower our property values.

I am amazed that your commission would consider sacrificing the quality of life for thousands of people throughout the Midwest United States in order to make the Railroad more convenient and profitable for a large Canadian Company. If the situation were reversed, I doubt if the Canadian government would allow it.

I ask that you use your authority to disapprove this sale. I am praying for God's intervention in this situation that could change our community forever and be a real tragedy for so many of us.

Sincerely,



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