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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: 9/9/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Canadian National Acquisition of the EJ+E tracks. I live about 600 feet west of the EJ+E tracks and can see the trains. Last week a neighbor was blocked by a train at Keating (87TH St) and Normantown Rd in Aurora. He turned around and went North to Montgomery Rd where he was also blocked. If the CN acquisition is successful and the trains are twice as long, it will be easily possible to block the Hafen-Richter crossing also, so all eastbound traffic from my area will be blocked. I am also concerned about accidents, delays, and haz mat issues. If I don't leave early enough to ^{beat} ~~miss~~ the train through Keating (87TH St) just before 6:00 am, then I miss my 6:17 a.m. ^{Metra} train to Chicago and as a result, don't get back home at night until almost 6:00 pm (45 min later than usual because of being one minute late to the crossing). In addition, were the acquisition to be approved, no doubt it would result in a huge increase in profits to CN. In light of the opportunity for such great increase in profits, the CN should be responsible for paying for overpasses or other grade improvements. Whyever would STB grant this huge profit opportunity without requiring a dramatically increased contribution from CN for grade improvements. Why should the residents ~~be~~ (taxpayers) be the ones to shoulder that bill alone so CN can profit?? The CN won't be turning back a portion of their fat profit to assist the communities I'm sure. Sounding a lot like the oil companies to me. I strongly urge the STB

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT! to deny the CN's attempt to buy the EJ+E tracks.

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Please don't sacrifice our quality of life, safety, + property values in for a false promise of cooperation which is not offering to do its share to reduce the negative effect of this.