

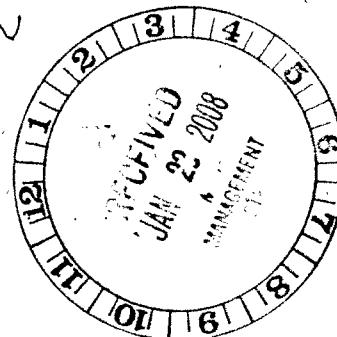
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"Regarding: Finance Docket No. 35087"

I am asking the Surface Transportation Board to: #1 Do not allow Canadian NATIONAL Railway to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway or #2 If allowed require the railroad to not be allowed to eliminate the 11 miles of line north of 94th Street.

The Amtrak line is such a valuable asset to Southern Illinois as it is important to the many people that ride to Union Station in Chicago and points south. So many students need the transportation plus the tourists that use it to visit the Chicago area. With gas costs rising as high as they are it will become a necessity, not a luxury to use the train.

I ask that much thought be put into what it will do to the people that need this transportation, not the pocket book of CNR.

Thank You,

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