



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 Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board.
Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

SEE ATTACHED letter

M.D. Thompson

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What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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Jan 17 2008

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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January 15, 2008

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Dear Phyllis Johnson-Ball,

SUBJECT: **SALE OF THE "E. J. & E" RAILROAD**

It is my understanding from both the letter sent to my home and articles in the local newspaper, that rail traffic will significantly pick-up should the sale of the E.J. & E. go through. This increase in traffic would be in the neighborhood of over 300%, over 1 per hour in a 24 hour period. Or, is the increase during the daylight hours only?, or, at night only? I strongly object to this change for several very important reasons.

1. I am concerned about the safety of the little kids

Our back yards are right up to the tracks. (Fences are not allowed in the Prestwick Subdivision of Frankfort) I have seven grandchildren including five (5) that are between 1 and 7 years of age. They spend a great deal of time at "Grandma & Grandpa's" where they can run and play. Nothing is there to prevent the children from wandering onto the tracks and being maimed or killed by a train. After all, "what little boy does not like trains?" Trains to little kids are like a magnet!

2. I am concerned about our own personal safety

Our community can be isolated from Emergency Response equipment and personnel such as Medical (ambulance), Fire Dept. and Police, when trains on the E.J. & E. tracks are present and crossing Harlem Ave. The tracks run parallel to Aberdeen Road, our 1-1/4 mile long street that has only one access/exit, which is at Harlem Ave.

- A. There is zero access to our street from the south when a train is present at Harlem Ave.
- B. If more than five cars are waiting for a train on the north side of the crossing, no access is possible from the north as the tracks are that close to the entrance of Aberdeen Road.

3. I am concerned about our property values.

Homes that border the railway tracks are expensive homes that pay very high property taxes to Will County and the local taxing bodies. The increase in rail traffic past our homes will decrease the actual property values. Who wants to pay to have their house shake 28-30 times a day? NOT ME! The homes in Frankfort and particularly those like mine, along the Prestwick Golf Course are rather expensive. We didn't ask for the CN to come here and set our world in a dangerous turmoil! Please do what you can to help us!

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