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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: 7/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

The list of affected grade crossings is flawed because vehicle traffic counts are incorrect. The noise assessment methodology is outdated and not accepted by the US EPA. The impact on life and death responders is minimized in the DEIS. Increased risk of hazardous materials is not given proper importance, especially in light of CN's poor safety record. Property value impact is virtually ignored without appropriate analysis. Regional business impact and erosion of local tax bases along the line are ignored. Conflicting CN data is used in assessing air quality impacts. The report does not address the real impact on increased fuel usage and impacts on climate change. Overall, if this acquisition is allowed it effectively destroys our community, from traffic gridlock, noise, air pollution, potential contamination of our groundwater (source of drinking water). This is bad for Barrington and its neighbors all along the EJE line, and brings few real benefits to the region as a whole.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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