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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: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

When I first heard about the proposed acquisition by CN, I was appalled at the idea that the train traffic through the heart of Barrington could possibly be increased by the proposed amounts. But I held out hope that the Environmental Impact Study would help the STB see how horrible this would be. I was wrong. The EIS is very flawed. For example:

- It only discusses one crossing that would need mitigation. One one Saturday alone I crossed the rail line personally on foot & by car TEN times at 4 different locations just running normal daily routines.
- As a commuter on Metra, ^{only concerned about their} the EIS downplays the impact to their service.

- The impact on the school system is downplayed. Barrington school buses cross this rail line 864 times per day. In addition the rail line runs very close to the High School property. Since there were 3 deaths by train last year alone, I fear ^{not} horrible, potentially fatal accidents.

- Police & fire response times would also be severely impacted based on the location of the hospitals, fire departments & train crossings.

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Already congested traffic would be increased leading to extra
pollution, noise, and reduced quality of life.