

September 13, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

We strongly believe that this would cause a detriment in emergency vehicles from Silver Cross Hospital and our Fire and Police Departments being able to attend to life and death situations in our community. It would also interfere with the ability of students and the community to be able to get to the new Lincolnway-West High School. There is a great deal of concern about pollution, hazardous waste materials being transported through the community and the noise factor of these trains.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,

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