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RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPLICATION
BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
TO THE U.S. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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WHEREAS, approval by the U. S. Surface Transportation Board of the application of the

Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") for its proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern ("EJ&E") rail line will result in numerous and substantial adverse impacts to Lake Barrington and adjacent communities by the proposed 400% increase in freight train traffic in the Barrington area; and

WHEREAS, the eight (8) at-grade EJ&E crossings within the Barrington area will be severely impacted by the almost constant passing of freight trains;

WHEREAS, the delays associated with freight train traffic will result in the virtual shutdown of several at-grade crossings in the heart of the Barrington community and will create insurmountable traffic delays and impact emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, the expected increase in freight traffic, estimated by CN to be more than an additional twenty (20) freight trains per day, will result in, on average, an additional freight train nearly every hour of the day, will create untenable delays for school bus transportation and thereby disrupt school start times since in the Barrington Community School District Number 220 alone as school buses cross the EJ&E tracks more than four hundred (400) times on each school day; and

WHEREAS, the expected in freight train traffic will make access to downtown Barrington virtually impossible; and

WHEREAS, Lake Barrington has at its heart the 154-bed Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital with a full-service and expanding trauma center and a new state-of-the-art and award-winning

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Cardiac Care center, and the thousands of residents served by this hospital will incur lengthy delays, associated with a 400% increase in freight train traffic which will be particularly harmful, if not critical, in cardiac emergency cases where experts have noted “time equals heart muscle”; and

WHEREAS, ambulances and people attempting to reach the Hospital in emergency situations will likely find it impossible to reach Good Shepherd Hospital in a consistently timely fashion as a result of the proposed 400% increase in freight train traffic and may be forced to divert to geographic locations substantially farther away from the Barrington area; and

WHEREAS, it is a known fact that “time is of the essence” when emergency health care is needed and lives hang in the balance when such emergency care cannot be obtained in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a minimum of twenty (20) freight trains, an additional freight train nearly every hour of the day, through the community will create an untenable noise issue for dozens of homes and businesses near the tracks, and while it is understandable that others would like this traffic rerouted to Barrington, none of the Barrington area residents who will be affected by the noise purchased their home with the expectation that the CN would increase the freight train load at least fourfold; and

WHEREAS, approval of CN’s application by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board will result in the immeasurable disruption of the lives of every area resident who must traverse one or more of these grade crossings to access their work, businesses, schools, health care, places of worship, and/or other essential services; and

WHEREAS, the addition of twenty (20) or more freight trains per day, an additional freight train nearly every hour of the day, an increase of 400%, will severely and irreparably damage the fabric of the Lake Barrington community:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington, Lake County, Illinois, in exercise of the authority of this Village as a Home Rule unit of government, as follows:

SECTION 1: The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington hereby find the recitals as stated in the preamble hereof to be true and correct, and such preamble is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The Village of Lake Barrington strongly opposes the Canadian National Railway Company application and urges the Surface Transportation Board to reject same unless the applicant is unequivocally committed and legally bound to providing the necessary private funds to fully and wholly eliminate the numerous adverse impacts as described above to the satisfaction of those all potentially impacted communities.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Presented, read and passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington, Lake County, Illinois, on a roll call vote at a duly held regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 1st day of April, 2008, and deposited and filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Village on said date.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

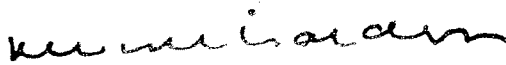
YEAS: Trustees Raclaw, Schaller, Struck, Vonder Haar, and President
Richardson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Burke and DeJesu

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Lake Barrington,
Illinois, this 2nd day of April, 2008.



Village President,
Village of Lake Barrington

ATTEST:



Village Clerk,
Village of Lake Barrington

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of the Village as Resolution No. 2008-R-10



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