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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

These comments for the STB are from the perspective of a resident of Barrington Hills on Otis Road about one-half a mile west of the EJ&E rail line, in a home where my wife and I have resided for forty-five years.

Apropos the Public Meeting on this matter last evening, August 27, 2008, I agree with the statements by all of the speakers, except for that by the CN executive who fled from the room after his presentation like a felon trying to avoid being ridden out of town on a rail after a tar bath and a feather dusting.

My opinion is that the matter can be simplified to a clash between a foreign railroad, CN, and U.S. taxpayers, Barrington area residents, where the foreign railroad is seeking to cut the Barrington area in half while shipping goods from a foreign source to a foreign destination. There is no possible benefit to the Barrington area, no benefit to anyone in Chicagoland and no benefit to anyone else in the United States. The only benefit is to the foreign railroad. Against this backdrop, there is only one reasonable decision by the STB: **Deny the petition by CN to acquire the EJ&E and thereby protect U.S. taxpayers.**

Respectfully,



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Mr. David Nelson