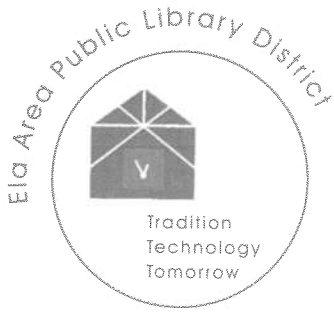




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January 31, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing,
STB Docket #35087
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

HDR

We are writing to express our concerns with the Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087. We are a library district serving Lake Zurich, Illinois and several surrounding communities, with more than 33,000 residents in our district. The district is bisected by this freight line. The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway (EJ&E) tracks are located directly behind our facility approximately 120 yards from the property line.

We are apprehensive about the increased noise and vibration level that the trains will generate. In addition to the effect the vibration from increased rail traffic will have on our structure, which will be substantial, our three outdoor patios will also be adversely affected. The patios, located behind our building but closest to the railroad tracks, are used by patrons for quiet reading and by our staff and patrons for children's programming. The increase in train traffic and elevated noise levels will make the patios inhospitable for quiet reading and potentially unusable for programming.

Our second area of concern involves access to the facility. There is a train crossing located north of the building on the only access road leading to the facility. With the increase in train traffic, vehicle traffic will be backed up and the entrance and exit routes for our library building will be blocked while the train passes.

Presently, seven trains pass over these tracks daily. The majority of trains currently pass through during hours when the library is closed. With the Canadian National Railway acquisition, that traffic will increase to 20 trains per day with most of the traffic occurring during Library operating hours. That is a significant increase in train traffic that will surely have negative ramifications for our patrons and the facility. The takeover by CN and the adverse impact on a highly used public building where children and seniors are present should not be allowed unless

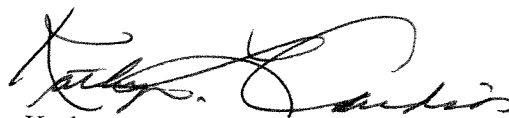
an over or underpass is constructed to mitigate the increased health and safety risks. We are asking that you take these important concerns into account as you assess the impact this increase in rail traffic will have on the communities located on the EJ&E Railway.

Sincerely,



Mary Beth Campe
Executive Director
Ela Area Public Library District

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Kathryn L. Caudill
Board President
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