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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
REF: STB Finance Docket No 35087

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Griffith, Indiana I need to voice my opposition to the purchase of the EJ&E by the CN Railroad.

The negative impact on my community and other small communities that are on the same proposed route would be insurmountable. Griffith, typical of most small towns, have very few main routes connecting one side of town to the other. The railroad runs through the middle of this town and could shut down multiple crossings with the increased amount of trains and their increased length. Emergency vehicles will have the most profound impact. My community and my neighbors would be put in jeopardy on many levels with this purchase.

Big business mergers should not be put before the safety of the many small towns and communities that built this nation. The integrity of respect to the towns that follow this proposed route would be compromised. "Small Town America" should not fall to big business purchases that would put a mere convenience to their back room deals.

Sincerely,

Mark Lewis