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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Canadian National Railway Company
Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8/22/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

Allowing CN to proceed with the acquisition of the level of expected train volume and length will severely impact the traffic congestion in Barrington and the quality of life, not just for Barrington but also for all surrounding communities along Route 14 and Hwy 59.

Route 14 is the major road for people traveling from the communities northwest of Barrington, such as Fox River Grove, Cary and Crystal Lake, as well as communities southeast of Barrington, such as Palatine and Arlington Heights. Already in the morning and evening at rush hour, Hwy 14 is so busy that traffic is at a crawl between Hwy 59/Barrington Rd junction with Hwy 14 and the Lake Cook (Main St.) junction with Hwy 14. The E.J&E crossing on Route 14 is right between these 2 major intersections. When you increase train traffic as CN requests, this will cause Route 14 traffic to become backed-up for miles each way.

Also, it will have the same signal as Hwy 59/Barrington Rd as the E.J&E crosses this street just south of the Route 14 junction.

As a Board member of Good Shepherd Hospital, this will cause great harm to our emergency room service ability to provide timely medical assistance to those in need of emergency care. That impact on timely emergency services was not adequately factored into the environmental impact study.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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