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September 17, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As residents of New Lenox, IL, a community that will be impacted **tremendously** with the increased number of trains being proposed (with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad) we would like to express our concerns. We understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains per day and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length and will take approximately 20 minutes to pass each crossing.

If you do the math, that has the potential to block traffic for 10 hours each day. We are sure you can understand what a problem this will be for the residents of New Lenox and what a tremendous impact it will have on our town. There are 5 crossing in New Lenox that will be affected by these trains, virtually cutting off the south end of town.

This will also impact our response time for police, fire & medical emergencies.

Please, consider the negative impact the CN will have on our community if it is allowed to acquire EJ&E. **I have enclosed a copy of the flyer that is circulating the New Lenox, Mokena and Frankfort communities.** When you make your recommendation, PLEASE vote **NO**.

Sincerely,

Mrs. & Mrs. Scott A. Furman, Jr.

Scott & JoAnn Furman
2776 Sunrise Lane
New Lenox, IL 60451

Enclosure

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS?

**Our community's core concerns
regarding the acquisition
include:**

- Traffic congestion on many of our north/south roads
- Potential costs to the communities to alleviate the impacts of longer and more frequent train traffic
- Increased amounts of hazardous material being transported through our communities
- Additional train noise and train whistles
- Major impacts to our emergency services response times
- Impact to the proposed STAR Line system

the
Village of New Lenox
"Home Of Proud Americans"



**For more information visit:
www.newlenox.net**

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acquisition**

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Attend the
Lincoln-Way
and
Will County**

"Community Rally"

"Public Hearing"

TRAC

The Regional Answer to Canadian National

Why Are We Concerned About the CN

Acquisition of the EJ&E?

Canadian National Railroad (CN) announced they were proposing to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway (E.J. & E.) Their purpose for acquiring the EJ&E is to reroute many of their trains that run through Chicago to a route circumventing the city.

Using the E.J. & E. Railway will dramatically impact the safety, congestion and travel for a majority of residents, schools, businesses and all of the emergency service agencies.

CROSSINGS IMPACTED BY CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD ACQUISITION

Village of New Lenox:

Gougar Road
Nelson Road
Cedar Road
Spencer Road
Schoolhouse Road

Village of Mokena:

116th Street /Wolf Road

Village of Frankfort:

Route 45/Center Road
Sauk Trail/Pfeiffer Road
Harlem Avenue

DID YOU KNOW.....

- Proposed trains may exceed 30 per day
- Rail cars may extend 3 miles in length
- Delay at crossings could exceed 20 minutes

 This will impact our response time for
police, fire & medical emergencies

WHAT CAN I DO?

VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION!

• Call Toll Free:

1-800-347-0689

Leave Voice Statement

• Write:

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- **E-Mail:** www.stb.dot.gov
Click on the "e Filing" link

**Please ensure that your comments
are submitted and postmarked by
September 30, 2008**

• Attend:

Joliet Holiday Inn Express

Thursday, September 11

Open House: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hearing: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

(pre-register to speak) at www.stb.gov
or register on site