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To Vicki Rutson/STB@STB, Phillis Johnson-Ball/STB@STB
cc Rudy Saint Louis/STB@STB
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Subject CN - EJE comment

Rail Customer and Public Assistance

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Issue Type: *

- ☒ New US Railroad Issue
☐ Feedback

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Region: *

- ☒ Midwest
☐ Northeast
☐ South
☐ West

Issues:

- ☐ Rail Service
☐ Rate Level/Increases
☐ Car Supply
☐ Demurrage Charges
☐ Fuel Surcharge
☐ Information Request
☒ Other

Railroads Involved:
EJ & E RR and CN RR purchase
Location of Problem:

Name of Industry at Location:

Serving Rail Carrier at Location:

Dates Problem Occurred:

Comments:

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball: As a resident of Mokena, Ill. a community that will be impacted greatly with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E RR by the CN RR, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 25 trains or more, when currently only 6 trains pass my subdivision daily and that they will be longer, possibly up to 3miles long. This will cause lengthy crossing delays. This is totally unacceptable to me, my fellow neighbors and communities. The noise and traffic tie ups will be unbearable. Buses will be blocked from getting to school which is nearby the RR, about 5 blocks south of it. Kids who will be walking will be in danger. Emergency vehicles will be blocked from getting to their destination. Someone with a cardiac arrest will die in 6minutes w/o help, if only because the paramedics cant get to them fast enough. I dont know how you feel, but I surely dont want to lose my life due to a long train. I stongly believe that the purchase of the EJ&E RR by the CN RR will stongly impact our neighborhoods negatively. Plse take my

concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote "no" to the CN. Thank You for considering my opinion. Sincerely, Jayne Winnie Mokena, Illinois

Permission given to contact the rail carrier(s)?

☒ Yes

☐ No