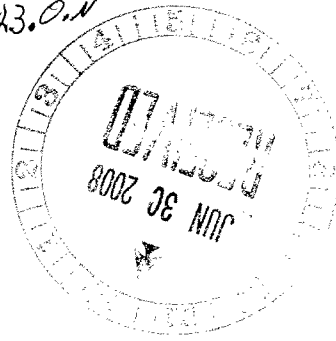


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June 23rd, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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Ms. Quinlan,

I am writing to share with you and the Surface Transportation Board my concerns regarding the Canadian National Railways proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway, your docket #35087. As a citizen of Frankfort Illinois I am directly effected by this proposed merger. I have serious concerns regarding the safety of said sale and its effects to the areas involved. As you know this already is a populated area, with a projected growth rate including the effected surrounding towns to be in the hundreds of thousands. What kind of traffic backup will be caused by this sale (not only now, but 10 years from now)? What kind of hazardous materials will be passing through our communities. How will our public safety departments be able to handle the increase in hazardous incidents? What will Canadian National Railroad do to limit the huge increase in noise and diesel fumes cause by increased traffic? Will they be made to have quite and speed zones in the areas where current homes exist? How will vehicles, emergency and otherwise, be able to cross railways with the increase in the amount and size of trains without over passes?

I cannot express my deep opposition to this sale enough to you. I believe the negatives far outweigh any positives in this matter and the sale should not be allowed to proceed. Please consider my concerns when you discuss and decide the matter.

Respectfully,


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