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Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Room 1104
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc. – Joint Use – Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Inc.

VIA E-MAIL AND US MAIL

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. The Town of Edinburgh has concern related to the impact the increased rail traffic will have on the Emergency Services the town provides to residents east of the railroad track.

The location of and/or the existence of the Edinburgh Emergency Service Providers may have been overlooked by the planners as referenced by Table C-7, *Appendix C* of the Draft Environmental Assessment – August 2013. The Edinburgh Fire Station and EMS Rescue are located at 203 S Walnut Street, within 500 feet west of the Rail Line. The Edinburgh Police Department is located at 200 S Main Street, approximately 1000 feet west of the Rail Line.

Louisville & Indiana Rail Line effectively divides the population of our residential community in half. The proposed increased rail traffic and train length will potentially have a substantial detrimental effect on the ability of the Edinburgh Emergency Service Providers to respond to our citizens who reside on the east side of the Rail Line. Table C-6 of *Appendix C* of the Draft Environmental Assessment – August 2013 indicates an anticipated increase in Total Vehicle Traffic Delay (24-Hr) at the Crossing of Center Cross St. from 16.59 minutes in a 24 hour period (No-Action) up to 188.55 minutes in a 24 hour period (Proposed Transaction).

We trust that this potential negative community impact will be a carefully considered with the proposed upgrades CSX has planned for the rail lines. We would welcome the opportunity to work toward a mutually satisfactory solution for this concern.

Sincerely,

John Drybread
Director of Utilities
Town of Edinburgh