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September 2, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of the City of Warrenville for 15 years, I've been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I know that the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly by those living so close to the tracks.

Here are my concerns:

- Noise and Vibration - With just a handful of trains running on the track behind my house, I experience noise and vibration daily. Increased train traffic, train length, wheel and whistle noise and the increased speed of heavily loaded trains will make it intolerable.
- By what percentage will my property value be decreased?
- What will happen to the quiet zone that Warrenville is trying to establish? The city has been working toward this goal for three years. Will the city have to start at the beginning?
- Will this purchase affect the gas pipeline along the tracks?
- Increased transport of hazardous waste increases the likelihood of hazardous spills.
- Is it true that CN only implemented one out of five safety measures it was ordered to implement by the Canadian government back in 2001? If true, why should we believe they will show concern for safety when operating in the United States?
- Isn't it true that nearly 300 jobs will be lost in the Chicago area?
- Isn't it a fact that communities that have been led to believe they will see far fewer freight trains will only see a temporary benefit as other railroads will rush to fill the void created by CN trains?
- Will CN be able to add additional tracks on the EJ&E?
- What is the dollar amount that taxpayers will be stuck with to fund mitigation measures so that CN can make huge profits?

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So, what are the benefits for Warrenville and other affected communities along the EJ&E tracks? Are there any benefits? With the economy in such turmoil, I can't afford to have my property value negatively impacted. Would you want this behind your home?

I oppose the purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara F. Kouba".

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