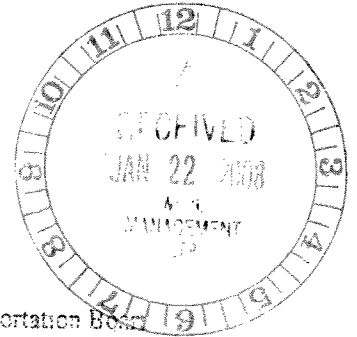


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Gentlemen:

Regarding Canadian National's acquisition
plans for EJ&E Railroad

My wife and I live at 94 Otis Road in Barrington Hills, IL. We want to express our concerns about Canadian National's plan for the acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

An increase in the number of freight trains crossing the various surface roads presents a serious safety hazard. Specifically, more frequent blocking of Otis Road, on which we live, by freight trains could be catastrophic. A reduction in prompt access for ambulances, fire engines and police vehicles is a major safety problem for me and for the whole community.

Also, on occasion the few freight trains now in use cause major congestion in downtown Barrington and surrounding areas. Any increase in the number of trains will create a corresponding increase in congestion. It would cause a material negative impact on the health and well being of the community.

The safety issue for the many school busses that are in use during the day is another major concern. Interaction with these busses and reducing their mobility is a justified worry for parents of school children and for others.

The localities involved do not have the infrastructure to deal with the proposed increase in freight train traffic.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Luecke
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We recommend strongly that Canadian National's acquisition plans for the DJ&E Railroad be rejected until all safety issues are addressed.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Luecke