

September 18, 2008

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

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

The purpose of my letter is to ask you to please not approve the CN-EJ&E Acquisition.

I live in Frankfort, Illinois, just a few blocks south of the EJ&E Railway. The increased levels of noise and vibration which will occur from the approved deal is of real concern to me. I have young children. They are often woken up in the middle of the night as it is from the trains that come through on this railway. The engineers running these trains must think it is funny to lay on their horn in the wee hours of the morning to wake everyone up in the residential areas. There is absolutely no reason for them to do this on such a small railway in this country-like area except to scare an animal off the tracks.) Also, the trains often are parked and running idle right behind our neighborhood. We can feel the vibrations of this. The increase in traffic will not only amplify the existing problems, but will also cause safety issues including for all the curious children living close to these tracks. How will everyone feel when one or more children lose their lives after this deal goes through?

In addition, there is absolutely no reason that U.S. taxpayers should be footing the bill for the cost of the needed overpasses and underpasses as a result of an approved acquisition, especially when this railroad reported profits of more than \$2 billion last year. Our economy is causing enough turmoil. Why should we help pay for something we don't even want especially when the average family is having problems making ends meet?

My husband said not to waste my time sending in my comments regarding this matter. He said it wouldn't make a difference, and no matter what the average person says, this acquisition will happen. I sincerely hope this isn't true. That just sends terrible messages to those that do have slight hope in the system.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Majka