

September 22, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, IL, we feel that our community and surrounding communities will be negatively impacted by the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN Railroad. We understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays. We strongly believe that this purchase will negatively affect the safety of our community. In the event of an emergency, one or more of the railroad crossings could be blocked hampering emergency vehicles from reaching the north ½ of the city. If these crossings were to be blocked for 15-20 minutes at a time, it would cause mile long back-ups with no alternate routes. Traffic is bad enough at these crossings without this proposed increase. We feel that this proposed plan would make driving through town and to neighboring communities an absolute nightmare!

Please take our concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote NO to the CN.

Sincerely,

John and Nancy Kukulka