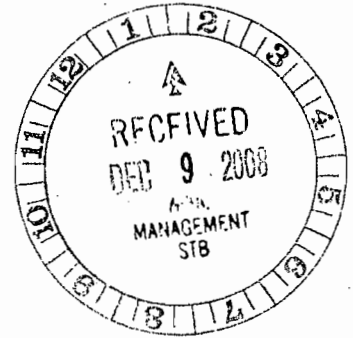


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**RE: Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation control of EJ&E
West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

If this is a country by the people and for the people the Surface Transportation Board will unanimously turn down the Canadian National Railway's bid to take control of EJ&E. As you have most likely aware, the people along this right-of-way are totally opposed to Canadian National taking control of EJ&E. The fact that Canadian National proposes to significantly increase the number of trains and the length of the trains going through the various suburbs of Chicago will cause havock with the traffic since all these crossings are grade level. Fifty miles of train per day going over these crossings will virtually shut down traffic for a significant amount of time each day, thus stopping police, fire, and ambulance service to some of the affected areas.

I just saw an article in the newspaper that said some business group had a study done on this deal between Canadian National and EJ&J and that the deal would be benifical. This study was done by a railroad consultant who makes his money from the railroads. Gee, do you think he may have been biased? Would it have been possible that Canadian National funded this study? Did Canadian National contribute to this business group?

Right now the people in this country are not too pleased with the government. Allowing a foreign company's interest to take precedence over that of the people of this country will only deepen everyone's distrust of the government .

PLEASE, DO NOT ALLOW CANADIAN NATIONAL TO TAKE CONTROL OF EJ&J.

Sincerely,

Arnold W. Sennerud