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

Surface Transportation Board:

Enclosed you will find our earlier correspondence objecting to the Canadian National Railway Company's purchase of the EJ & E Railway. We are still opposed to the plan to relocate the rail service around Chicago by using the EJ & E Railway. Route 176 in the Rondout-Green Oaks area is a major east west roadway. There is already a Canadian National line and the EJ & E Railway line is within 300 feet directly to the east of it. It already is so congested with traffic and every time a freight train travels through here the traffic backs up even more. It can some times take an hour for the traffic to get moving again. I don't think you fully realize the impact it will have for the businesses in this area.

Sincerely,


Arthur M. Baker, Jr.
Rondout Rockland Corporation

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Our business is located on Route 176 in Rondout between the EJ & E Railway and Route 43 (Waukegan Road). Route 176 is one lane of traffic in each direction. On Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 6:10 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. the gates at the crossing at the EJ & E Railway on Route 176 were down for an hour and a half. The Lake County Sheriff's Department was called. He was still at the crossing at 7:40 a.m. The traffic was backed up all the way east of Route 43 and to the west of the railway past Bradley Road. This is almost an every day occurrence in Rondout.

On approximately Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again for quite awhile. A Deputy Sheriff was called again, and had to hold up the gate to let the cars pass through from the east, and then he held up the gate to let the cars pass through from the west, alternating between the two gates until they went up.

On approximately Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 in the morning, the gates were down again, for about an hour. The Sheriff's Department was called again. After about 5 minutes, the gates went up.

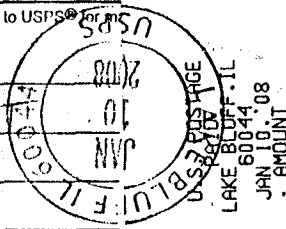
300 feet to the west of the EJ & E Railway is a commuter and freight railway owned by Canadian National. This railway goes north from Chicago to Kenosha and branches directly west in Rondout through Green Oaks continuing on to Fox Valley. Every time a freight train goes through this railway, traffic backs up for a good 45 minutes, in particular at peak times, morning, noon, and afternoon hours. The impact of increased trains on the EJ & E along with the congestion already with the other Canadian National line would be a nightmare trying to get through this area.



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January 8, 2008

To: Surface Transportation Board

Meeting: Tuesday January 8, 2008
Crowen Plaza Hotel North Shore
510 E. Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060

To Whom it May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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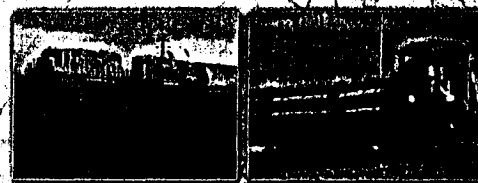
Environmental Impact Statement

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

for the **Proposed Canadian
National Railway Company**
Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35087

Prepared by:
**Surface Transportation Board
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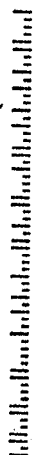


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Canadian National Railway Company & Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—EJ&E West Company

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July 25, 2008

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is pleased to provide you with two CDs containing your copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the analysis of the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad by Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation (Applicants). These two CDs are provided for your review and comment as requested during the Draft EIS scoping process.

The Draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts that might occur if the Applicants were to acquire and operate trains over the EJ&E Railroad, an approximately 200-mile long railroad that forms an arc around Chicago from Waukegan, Illinois to Gary, Indiana. The potential environmental impacts to both the human and the natural environment that could result from the proposed acquisition are compared to the environmental impacts of continuing rail operations on the EJ&E rail line and the five CN rail lines that feed into Chicago.

The Draft EIS also sets forth SEA's preliminary recommended mitigation, Applicants' voluntary mitigation measures, and encourages mutually acceptable negotiated agreements to mitigate adverse environmental impacts should the Board approve this acquisition. The Draft EIS reflects the active participation of members of the public in the Chicagoland area and beyond, including more than 5,000 comments submitted to date.

Public hearings will be held the weeks of August 25th and September 8th at the locations specified in this mailer. A paper copy of the Draft EIS is available in every community along the EJ&E rail line. A list of the locations can be found on the project website at www.stbfinancedocket35087.com.

For further information on the proceedings, please visit the project web site or call the toll-free information line at 1-800-347-0689. You may also visit the Board's website (www.stb.dot.gov) and look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters. The comment period ends September 30, so please ensure your comments are submitted before the deadline.

SEA appreciates the efforts of all interested parties who have participated in this environmental review to date. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Open House / Public Meetings Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Address
Monday August 25	Matteson, Illinois Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center	500 Holiday Plaza Drive Matteson, IL 60443
Tuesday August 26	Mundelein, Illinois Crowne Plaza Chicago North Shore	510 E. Route 83 Mundelein, IL 60060
Wednesday August 27	Barrington, Illinois Barrington High School	616 W. Main Street Barrington, IL 60010
Thursday August 28	Bartlett, Illinois Bartlett High School	701 Schick Road Bartlett, IL 60103
Monday September 8	Chicago, Illinois Loyola University of Chicago	25 E. Pearson Chicago, IL 60611
Tuesday September 9	Aurora, Illinois West Aurora High School	1201 W. New York St. Aurora, IL 60506
Wednesday September 10	Gary, Indiana Indiana University Northwest	3400 Broadway Gary, IN 46408
Thursday September 11	Joliet, Illinois Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center	411 S. Larkin Avenue Joliet, IL 60436

The same information will be presented at each meeting and will follow the schedule outlined below:

Open House 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Staff from the Board and HDR, Inc. will be available to answer questions and help members of the public review project maps and other findings of the Draft EIS and analysis.
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Public Meeting 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Staff from the Board and HDR, Inc. will make a short presentation to the public and will then be available to receive formal comments on the Draft EIS. This portion of the meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving comment. It is not a question-and-answer session. Beginning July 25, 2008, speaker registration will be determined on a first come first serve basis by calling the hotline to pre-register in advance (1-800-347-0689) or at the sign-in tables the day of the public meeting. Each speaker will be allocated up to 3 minutes to present her or his comments.
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In addition to speaking at the public meetings, comments on the DEIS may be submitted through the following methods:

- **Written Letter** - Please submit to:
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Washington DC, 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
- **Electronic Comments** - Comments may be filed electronically on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E_FILING" link.
- **Voice Comments** - Please call the toll-free project information line (1-800-347-0689) to leave a recorded comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted and postmarked by September 30, 2008.