

Phillis Johnson-Ball
 Surface Transportation Board
 395 E. Street, S.W.
 Washington, DC 20423-0001

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of Will County I wish to register my ~~opposition~~ to the Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railway. It is not possible to list all the objections on one page but these are just some of the problems and concerns that come to mind. IF this purchase is allowed to happen it is my understanding that CN will then have free reign to continue expanding as they please

The detrimental impact to the environment of the surrounding area and to the American taxpaying citizens and all the communities that will be adversely affected surely outweigh any possible benefits. In fact, there appears to be absolutely NO BENEFIT and only major upheaval due to this intrusion into the lives of citizens, their communities and environ. It is the general belief of those of us who oppose this disruptive takeover that the benefit is one sided, that being the side of Canadian National (a foreign owned corp.)

Our citizens who live here as well as those who have businesses here in Frankfort and all the other affected communities and surrounding environment will suffer in far reaching ways of which some have been thought of although there are many additional adverse problems unforeseen by the average person. That is where I am hoping the Surface Transportation Board will go that extra mile for this yet still beautiful country area and the quaint, quiet villages where we live, work, raise our children, enjoy the way of life which we have worked very hard for, and surely hope to keep as is.

To name only a few of the very major concerns the first that comes to mind is the safety factor. First Responder & emergency services can be expected to be blocked at crossings losing time waiting while every moment counts in life threatening situations. School buses cross all crossings multiple times each school day. I understand from the EIS the total number of train accidents on this EJ&E is projected to increase by 28%.. This doesn't sound too SAFE to me. Another concern noted by the EIS is the number of "major key routes" for transporting hazardous materials will increase from 2 to 14. Materials such as radioactive substances, poisonous chemicals, volatile gases sound just a little more than "dangerous" to me. It is also a "DEADLY" situation when explosion occurs. We wouldn't have to worry about getting there in minutes. We would be simply gone in that first minute. " We "meaning an entire block or perhaps entire community of families obliterated. That is why they are called disasters. I am still seeing NO BENEFIT to our quaint villages that happen to be in the way of the Canadian National Railway (a foreign owned corp.)

There is also no mention of a guarantee once this acquisition takes place that after a few months extra rails, extra route traffic, bigger, heavier, longer trains will be added and we will carry that burden also. We DO NOT NEED or WANT more noise, fumes, congestion, dangerous situations, financial losses for our citizens or village.

Please hear the voice of the Will County Citizens.

