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Phillis Johnson-Ball, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

My concerns over **Finance Docket No. 35087**, CN's acquisition of EJ&E rail lines, planned construction and increased operations in the suburbs west and south of Chicago include the following:

Construction impacts including visual quality, construction traffic and staging areas, water quality, hazardous materials and noise and vibration.

Noise and Vibration – There are sensitive receptors immediately adjacent to the right of way including hospitals, schools and residences. Of particular concern is the Peterson Elementary School near 103rd street in South Naperville.

Visual Impacts – new visual elements will be introduced including additional freight vehicles as well as sound and retaining walls.

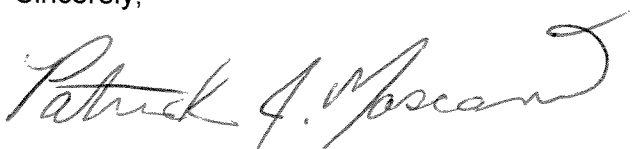
Traffic – In the Aurora / South Naperville / Plainfield area, if we assume an additional 25 freight trains with each taking 5 minutes to pass, this would account for more than 2 hours wait time, in a 24 hour period, at crossings.

Safety – The increased rail traffic will have many negative safety impacts including:

- Increase in at-grade crossing accident probability.
- Increase in transport of hazardous materials and potential for derailment.

I understand that the board will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the acquisition; I look forward to the opportunity to review this document.

Sincerely,



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