



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to **STB Finance Docket No. 35087** in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

EXPANDING FREIGHT TRAFFIC FROM ABOUT 5 TO OVER 25 PER DAY WILL CHANGE LIFE FOR THE WORSE FOR US IN THE 7 BARRINGTON VILLAGES PLUS THE THOUSANDS WHO COMMUTE THROUGH BARRINGTON ON IL 59 AND US 14. EACH FREIGHT TRAIN ON THE EJ&E SIMULTANEOUSLY BLOCKS ALL 3 MAIN REGIONAL HIGHWAY ARTERIES: IL RT 59, US Rte 14 and Lake-Cook Rd (aka Main St) FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. THIS HURTS 1) BECAUSE ALL LOCAL TRAFFIC IN BARRINGTON STOPS, PLUS ALL REGIONAL THROUGH TRAFFIC IN 6 DIRECTIONS STOPS, MAKING AN ALREADY TERRIBLE TRAFFIC CONGESTED AREA (DUE TO THE COMMUTER TRAINS ON THE NW LINE) BECOME AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE WORSE. 2) AMBULANCES + FIRE RESPONSE TIMES WILL GO UP - EVEN AFTER THE TRAIN PASSES AND 1/2 THE REGION WILL BE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRAIL. TRAFFIC FROM THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL AT GOOD SHEPHERD 3) THE HIGH SCHOOL WITH NEARLY 4000 STUDENTS FROM 10 TOWNS IS CLOSE BY THE LAKE-COOK RD CROSSING AND TRAINS PRESENT AN INCREASED DANGER TO THOSE KIDS - HUNDREDS OF WHOM WALK ACROSS THOSE TRACKS 2-4 TIMES A DAY TO GET TO/FROM SCHOOL AND THEIR FAVORITE RESTAURANT NEXT TO THE TRACKS ON LAKE/COOK. ONE STUDENT AT THAT SCHOOL WAS KILLED BY A TRAIN LAST YEAR, 7 OTHERS DIED A FEW YEARS EARLIER. EVERYONE IN MY TOWN GOES TO HS AT THAT SCHOOL. PLEASE INSIST ON AT LEAST 1-2 GRADE SEPARATIONS AT THE 3 ABOVE MENTIONED CROSSINGS SO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WON'T FALL! What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein (Barrington), Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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